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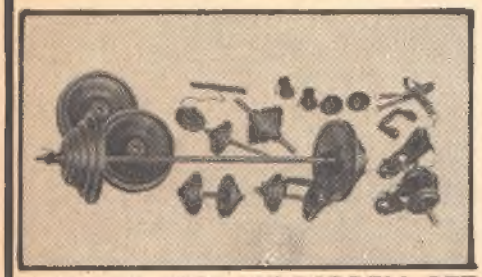

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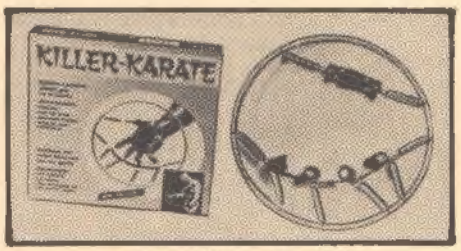

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"AND MAYBE THE LITTLE GUY IS RIGHT--FOR A FEW SECONDS LATER..."
PLEASE--KEEP BACK--KEEP AWAY! I'M SORRY I BETRAYED YOU! FORGIVE ME--FORGIVE...
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"THAT'S HOW SHE GETS INTO IT--THAT BLONDE BLOCKBUSTER THEY CALL SUPERGIRL--A FEW HOURS LATER, AFTER THEY DISCOVER WHAT IS LEFT OF THE POOR GUY, SMOLDERING IN THE ALLEY..."
DIFFICULT TO TELL--BUT HE WAS CHINESE, ALL RIGHT! THAT'S ALL WE KNOW ABOUT HIM!
THAT--AND THE FACT IT WAS A RITUAL KILLING! WHOEVER DID IT LEFT THIS SYMBOL ON THE BODY--THE SIGN OF THE DRAGON TONG!
ME? MY NAME'S DOUBLE--JONATHAN S.! I'M A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR WHO GOT INVOLVED IN THIS MESS THE SAME WAY I DO MOST OTHERS--UNINTENTIONALLY! GUESS I'M JUST NATURALLY ACCIDENT-PRONE!
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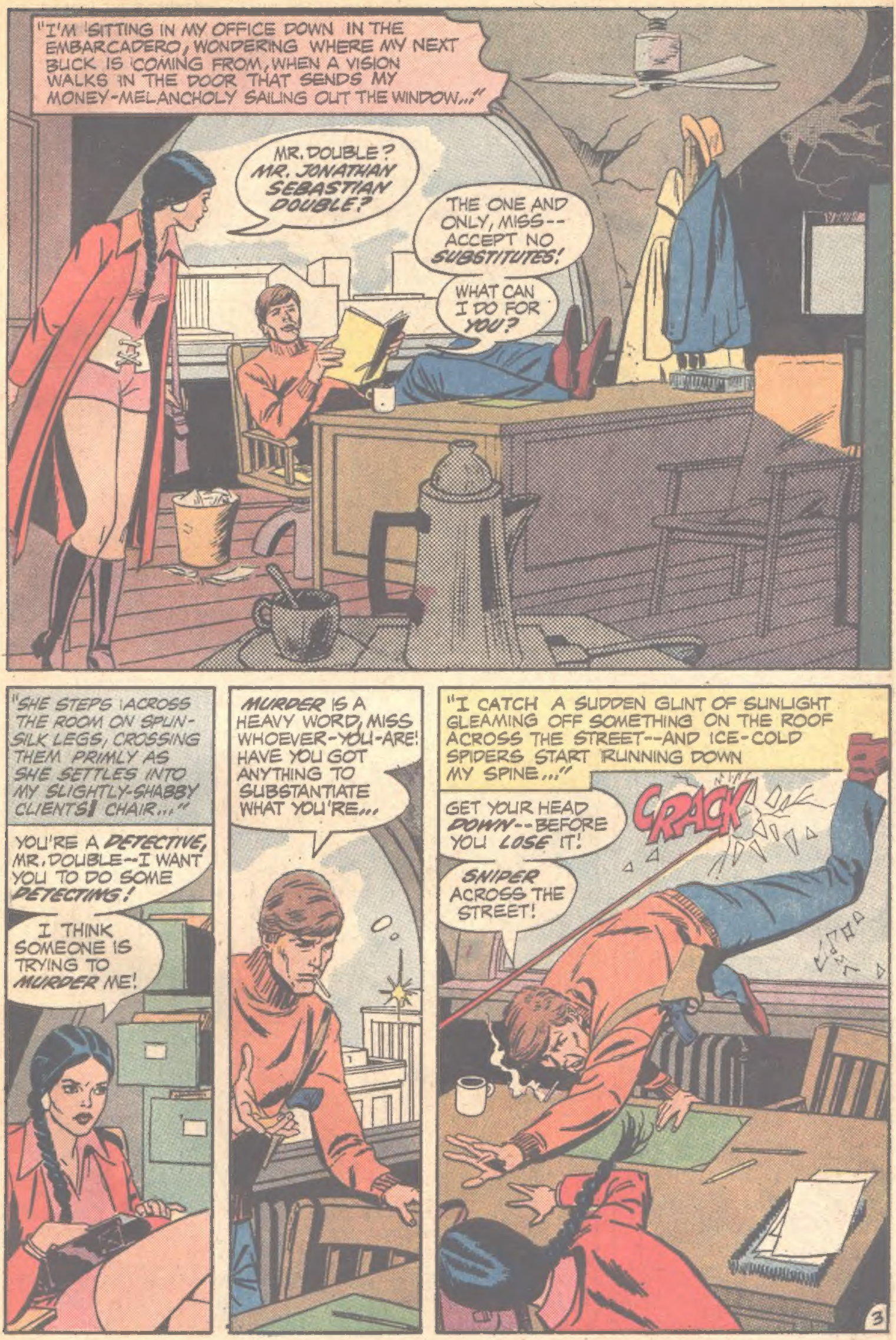
"I'M SITTING IN MY OFFICE DOWN IN THE EMBARCADERO, WONDERING WHERE MY NEXT BUCK IS COMING FROM, WHEN A VISION WALKS IN THE DOOR THAT SENDS MY MONEY-MELANCHOLY SAILING OUT THE WINDOW..."
MR. DOUBLE? MR. JONATHAN SEBASTIAN DOUBLE?
THE ONE AND ONLY, MISS-- ACCEPT NO SUBSTITUTES!
WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
"SHE STEPS ACROSS THE ROOM ON SPUN-SILK LEGS, CROSSING THEM PRIMLY AS SHE SETTLES INTO MY SLIGHTLY-SHABBY CLIENTS' CHAIR..."
YOU'RE A DETECTIVE, MR. DOUBLE--I WANT YOU TO DO SOME DETECTING!
I THINK SOMEONE IS TRYING TO MURDER ME!
MURDER IS A HEAVY WORD, MISS WHOEVER-YOU-ARE! HAVE YOU GOT ANYTHING TO SUBSTANTIATE WHAT YOU'RE...
"I CATCH A SUDDEN GLINT OF SUNLIGHT GLEAMING OFF SOMETHING ON THE ROOF ACROSS THE STREET--AND ICE-COLD SPIDERS START RUNNING DOWN MY SPINE..."
GET YOUR HEAD DOWN--BEFORE YOU LOSE IT!
CRACK
SNIPER ACROSS THE STREET!
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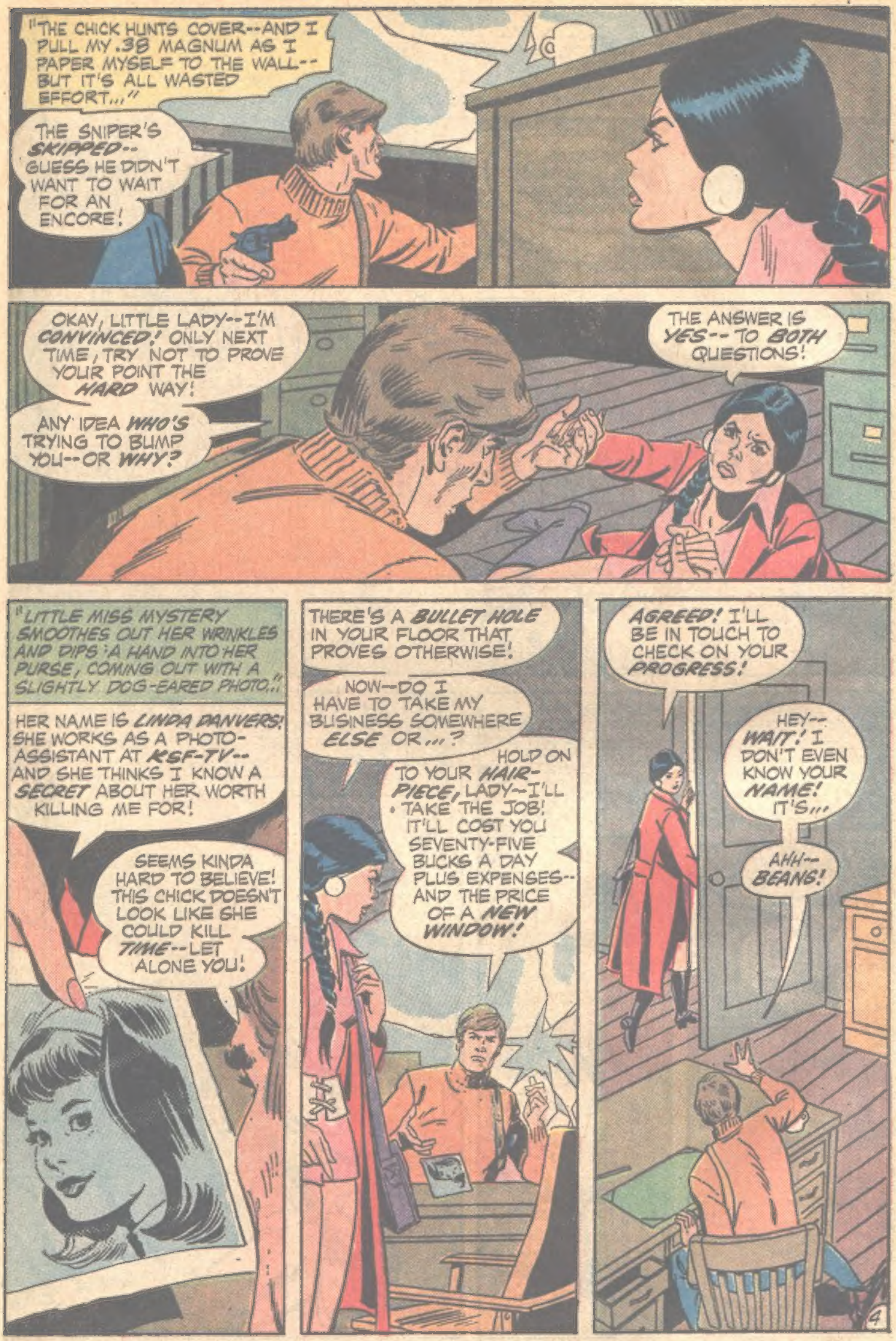
"THE CHICK HUNTS COVER--AND I PULL MY .38 MAGNUM AS I PAPER MYSELF TO THE WALL--BUT IT'S ALL WASTED EFFORT..."
THE SNIPER'S SKIPPED--GUESS HE DIDN'T WANT TO WAIT FOR AN ENCORE!
OKAY, LITTLE LADY--I'M CONVINCED! ONLY NEXT TIME, TRY NOT TO PROVE YOUR POINT THE HARD WAY!
ANY IDEA WHO'S TRYING TO BUMP YOU--OR WHY?
THE ANSWER IS YES--TO BOTH QUESTIONS!
"LITTLE MISS MYSTERY SMOOTHES OUT HER WRINKLES AND DIPS A HAND INTO HER PURSE, COMING OUT WITH A SLIGHTLY DOG-EARED PHOTO..."
HER NAME IS LINDA DANVERS! SHE WORKS AS A PHOTO-ASSISTANT AT KSF-TV--AND SHE THINKS I KNOW A SECRET ABOUT HER WORTH KILLING ME FOR!
SEEMS KINDA HARD TO BELIEVE! THIS CHICK DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SHE COULD KILL TIME--LET ALONE YOU!
THERE'S A BULLET HOLE IN YOUR FLOOR THAT PROVES OTHERWISE!
NOW--DO I HAVE TO TAKE MY BUSINESS SOMEWHERE ELSE OR...?
HOLD ON TO YOUR HAIR-PIECE, LADY--I'LL TAKE THE JOB! IT'LL COST YOU SEVENTY-FIVE BUCKS A DAY PLUS EXPENSES--AND THE PRICE OF A NEW WINDOW!
AGREED! I'LL BE IN TOUCH TO CHECK ON YOUR PROGRESS!
HEY--WAIT! I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR NAME! IT'S...
AHH--BEANS!
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"SHE LEAVES THE WAY SHE CAME--STRAIGHT, MATTER-OF-FACTLY--AND I WONDER IF HER THOUGHTS ARE AS JAGGED AS THE WINDOW GLASS THAT FRAMES HER AS SHE CROSSES THE STREET..."

STAGE ONE *COMPLETED!* DOUBLE IS GOOD AT HIS JOB! IF LINDA *IS* SUPERGIRL, AS I SUSPECT --HE'S BOUND TO FIND IT OUT!

"I SPEND MOST OF THE AFTERNOON CHECKING THE DANVERS DISH OUT AND COME UP WITH WHAT I *EXPECT*--SHE'S CLEAN, REVERENT, KIND TO HER MOTHER--AND BUSY HANDLING A HUMAN-INTEREST LAYOUT DOWN IN *CHINATOWN...*"

I STILL DON'T BELIEVE I MANAGED TO MAKE THIS ASSIGNMENT *SOLO*--SO I CAN KEEP MY EYES OPEN FOR CLUES TO THE *DRAGON TONG!*

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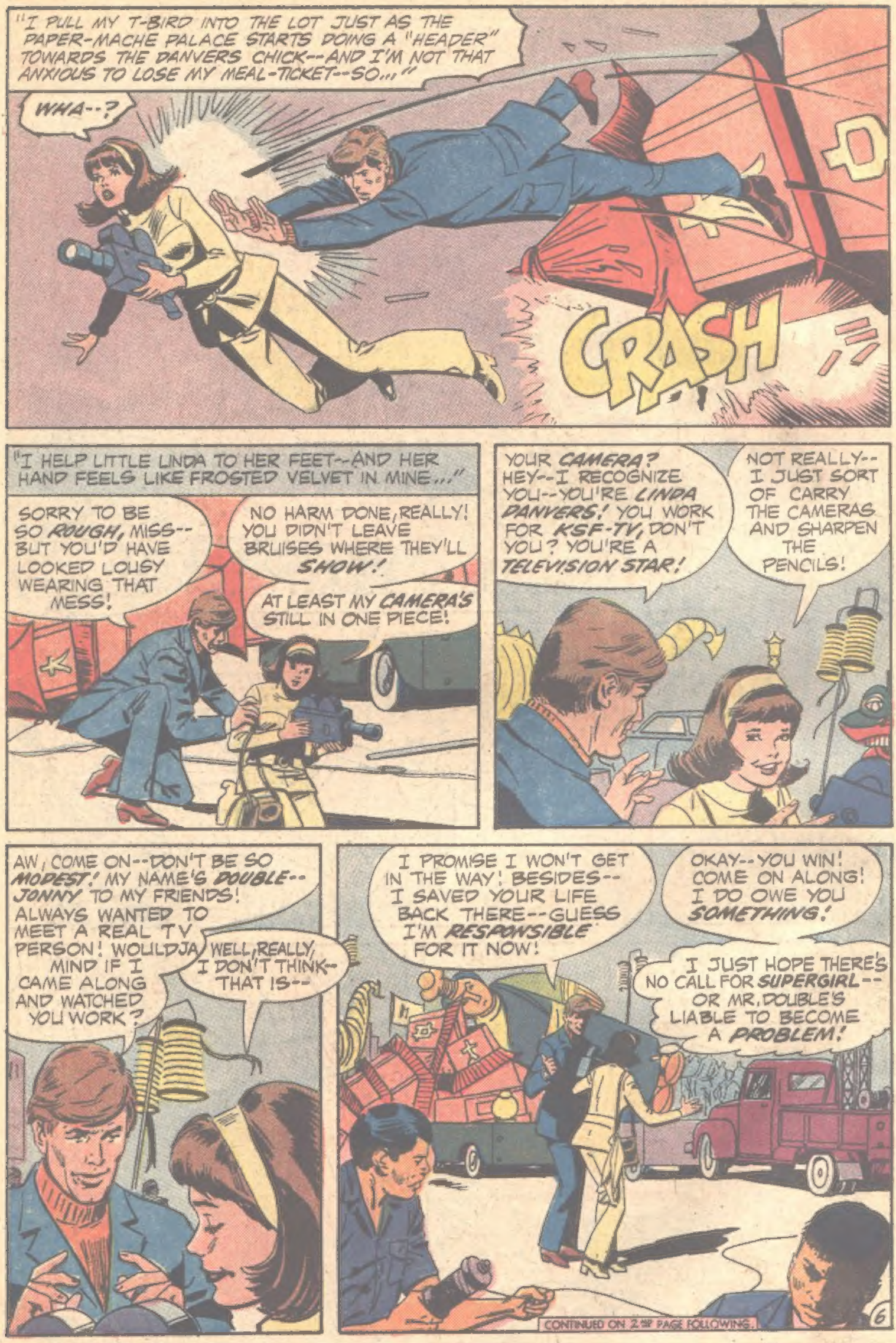
EVERYBODY--*OUT OF THE WAY!*

WHAT--? NO TIME TO *MOVE!* WHEN THAT THING SHATTERS AGAINST MY *INVULNERABLE* BODY--MY *SUPERGIRL SECRET* GOES WITH IT!


"I PULL MY T-BIRD INTO THE LOT JUST AS THE PAPER-MACHE PALACE STARTS DOING A "HEADER" TOWARDS THE DANVERS CHICK--AND I'M NOT THAT ANXIOUS TO LOSE MY MEAL-TICKET--SO..."
WHA--?
CRASH
"I HELP LITTLE LINDA TO HER FEET--AND HER HAND FEELS LIKE FROSTED VELVET IN MINE..."
SORRY TO BE SO ROUGH, MISS--BUT YOU'D HAVE LOOKED LOUSY WEARING THAT MESS!
NO HARM DONE, REALLY! YOU DIDN'T LEAVE BRUISES WHERE THEY'LL SHOW!
AT LEAST MY CAMERA'S STILL IN ONE PIECE!
YOUR CAMERA? HEY--I RECOGNIZE YOU--YOU'RE LINDA DANVERS! YOU WORK FOR KSF-TV, DON'T YOU? YOU'RE A TELEVISION STAR!
NOT REALLY--I JUST SORT OF CARRY THE CAMERAS AND SHARPEN THE PENCILS!
AW, COME ON--DON'T BE SO MODEST! MY NAME'S DOUBLE--JONNY TO MY FRIENDS! ALWAYS WANTED TO MEET A REAL TV PERSON! WOULDJA MIND IF I CAME ALONG AND WATCHED YOU WORK?
WELL, REALLY, I DON'T THINK--THAT IS--
I PROMISE I WON'T GET IN THE WAY! BESIDES--I SAVED YOUR LIFE BACK THERE--GUESS I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR IT NOW!
OKAY--YOU WIN! COME ON ALONG! I DO OWE YOU SOMETHING!
I JUST HOPE THERE'S NO CALL FOR SUPERGIRL--OR MR. DOUBLE'S LIABLE TO BECOME A PROBLEM!
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MAN, THIS MOB'S SO THICK YOU'VE GOTTA CUT YOUR WAY THROUGH IT WITH AN AXE! SLOW DOWN A LITTLE OR I'M LIABLE TO LOSE YOU!
THAT'S EXACTLY THE IDEA, MISTER DOUBLE! YOU'RE SWEET--BUT YOU'RE A PEST--AND I HAVEN'T GOT TIME TO WASTE!
SORRY, JONNY--BUT I'VE GOT TO GET DOWN TO THE REVIEWING STAND! MY BOSS'LL WANT SHOTS OF CHINATOWN'S MAYOR AND OTHER DIGNITARIES!
LINDA! HEY, LINDA--OVER HERE! I'LL GET THROUGH TO YOU IN A SECOND!
HE'S A PERSISTENT SORT! I'D BETTER SHOOT MY FOOTAGE--THEN TRY TO LOSE MYSELF AGAIN!
"MY CAMERA-CARTING QUARRY GETS LOST AMONG THAT SEA OF BOBBING FACES AND BEFORE I CAN CATCH SIGHT OF HER AGAIN--SOMETHING ELSE GRABS MY ATTENTION--AND REFUSES TO LET GO..."
HATEFUL CAPITALIST PUPPET! TRAITOROUS POLITICAL PAWN! YOU LEAD OUR PEOPLE DOWN A PATH OF SORROW! FOR THE GOOD OF THE MASSES--YOU MUST DIE!
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WHY DON'T YOU ASK THE MASSES FOR THEIR OPINION BEFORE YOU START GETTING TRIGGER-HAPPY?
IT'S SUPERGIRL! THANK HEAVENS!
GET TO SAFETY, MR. MAYOR! I'LL HANDLE THESE ADOLESCENT ASSASSINS!
IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN A MERE FEMALE TO HANDLE US! AT MY COMMAND-- FIRE!
WHAT? SOME SORT OF CEMENT-- BINDING MY ARMS AND LEGS!
IT WAS MEANT FOR THE MAYOR--TO LEAVE HIS CORPSE A MONUMENT-- A WARNING TO THOSE WHO WOULD FOLLOW HIM--BUT IT WILL SERVE JUST AS WELL FOR YOU!
BEFORE ANYBODY CAN MOVE, THE KIDS'VE COVERED THE SUPER-CHICK WITH THEIR GLOP AND LEFT HER STANDING LIKE VENUS DE MILO WITH ARMS--THEN THEY GET BACK TO BUSINESS..."
GO AHEAD, MR. MAYOR-- COWER BEFORE US-- AS ALL OTHERS SOMEDAY SHALL! COWER-- BEFORE THE MIGHT OF THE DRAGON!

REALLY, BOYS! YOU'RE MUCH TOO OLD TO BELIEVE IN DRAGONS!
KRUMP
WHAT--? AGAIN SHE INTERFERES--
DESTROY HER!
HUH UH--NO SECOND CHANCES! NEXT TIME I MIGHT BE TEMPTED TO USE MORE THAN MY SUPER-BREATH TO STOP YOU!
OFF!
GGUHH!
WHOSH
IT DOESN'T TAKE THE COPS LONG TO PICK UP THE PIECES--AND AFTER...!
A THOUSAND THANKS, SUPERGIRL! MAY THE GODS GRANT YOU NOTHING BUT HAPPINESS!
THANKS, YOUR HONOR--I NEED ALL THE HELP I CAN GET!
WITH THE GIRL OF STEEL GONE, THINGS GET BACK TO NORMAL AND THE MARCHERS MOVE ON DOWN THE STREET. I ENJOY THE ACT FOR A SECOND--THEN I NOTICE SOMETHING'S MISSING..."
LINDA! I COMPLETELY FORGOT HER! YOU'RE A FIRST-CLASS DETECTIVE, DOUBLE. YOU'D FORGET YOUR NAME IF IT WASN'T SEWN INTO YOUR JACKET!
I'D BETTER FIND HER AND FAST!

"SHE'S LEANING AGAINST A DOORWAY, NURSING THE BACK OF HER HEAD WHEN I FINALLY REACH HER. SHE'S BEEN HURT... AND SOMEHOW, THAT HURTS ME TOO..."
LINDA--YOU ALL RIGHT? WHAT'S HAPPENED?
I'M OKAY, JONNY--NOTHING INJURED BUT MY PRIDE!
THANK GOODNESS, MY CAMERA'S NOT BROKEN! I TRIED TO GET SOME SHOTS OF SUPERGIRL--BUT I GOT JOSTLED BY THE CROWD AND BANGED MY HEAD AGAINST A WALL, INSTEAD! GUESS I WENT BLANK FOR A FEW SECONDS!
MY BOSS IS GOING TO KILL ME WHEN HE FINDS OUT I MISSED CATCHING SUPERGIRL IN ACTION!
KILL YOU? COME ON--IT'S NOT THAT BAD!
ISN'T IT? YOU'D BE SURPRISED! SOME PEOPLE WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR AN EXCLUSIVE STORY!
YEAH--GUESS IT IS A DOG-EAT-DOG BUSINESS AT THAT!
STILL--YOU DON'T STRIKE ME AS THE TYPE THAT MAKES ENEMIES!
EVERYONE MAKES ENEMIES, JONNY! SOME PEOPLE ARE JUST MORE CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH THEM THAN OTHERS!
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THERE'S SOMETHING ALMOST FRIGHTENING IN THE TONE OF LINDA'S VOICE AS I LOOK INTO HER EYES AND WONDER IF MAYBE I'M WRONG-- IF MAYBE SHE'S CAPABLE OF MURDER..."
"BUT I DON'T WONDER LONG...
CLANG
WHAT--?
THERE'S SOMETHING MOVING IN THAT ALLEY!
"I FOLLOW THE SOUND INTO THE SHADOWS--AND LINDA TAGS ALONG BEHIND. I'M ABOUT TO CHALK IT OFF TO RATS WHEN I CATCH A GLIMPSE OF SOMEONE TRYING TO CRAWL UNDER A SHADOW..."
'SA BOY--!
YEAH--ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE HALF-PINT HATCHETMEN!
"SWEAT'S ROLLING DOWN THE KID'S FACE AS HE RAISES HIS BUCK ROGERS RAY-GUN. I'M READY TO SCRATCH FOR COVER--BUT SUDDENLY I DON'T HAVE TO..."
STOP! TAKE ONE STEP CLOSER-- A-AND I SHALL K-KILL M-MYSELF!
SORRY, PAL-- BUT YOU'RE LIABLE TO HURT SOMEBODY WITH THAT THING!

'THE KID'S COURAGE GOES WITH THE GUN. HE FALLS APART AND I TRY TO PULL THE PIECES BACK TOGETHER..."
C-COULDN'T EVEN DO THAT RIGHT.
I-I'VE SHAMED M-MYSELF IN THE EYES OF M-MY ANCESTORS!
EASY, KID--IT'S ALRIGHT! YOU'D BE NO GOOD TO ANYBODY--DEAD!
B-BUT I AM A COWARD! W-WHEN THE CALL TO B-BATTLE CAME--I FLED!
MAYBE YOU WERE THE SMART ONE, KID! YOUR FRIENDS ARE ALL IN THE CAN!
WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE BOY NOW?
I HAVE A FRIEND NAMED BRANIGAN... WORKS IN HOMICIDE DIVISION!
GOT A FEELING HE'LL WANT TO SPEAK TO THE KID--FIND OUT WHAT HE KNOWS ABOUT--THE DRAGON!
NO--NOT THE POLICE!
I MAY BE A COWARD--BUT I'M NO TRAITOR!
HUH? WAIT, KID--DON'T--!
"FOR A SECOND, I TRY TO CATCH THE KID--THEN I GET A BRAINSTORM..."
I'M GONNA FOLLOW HIM! NO TELLING WHERE HE MIGHT LEAD ME!
WHEREVER YOU'RE GOING, MR. DOUBLE--IS WHERE I'M GOING!
I'VE GOT A HUNCH SUPERGIRL'S GOING TO BE NEEDED BEFORE THE NIGHT'S OUT!

"FRISCO'S WATERFRONT IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT IS EXACTLY THAT--DEAD. NOTHING MOVES--EXCEPT AN OCCASIONAL RAT, A PANIC-STRICKEN CHINESE KID--AND US..."
THIS IS IT! THE KID JUST DUCKED INTO THAT WAREHOUSE--AND I'M GONNA JOIN HIM TO SEE WHAT I CAN SEE!
SO AM I! I CAN ALMOST SMELL A STORY COMING FROM THAT PLACE!
THEN YOU'D BETTER HOLD YOUR NOSE--'CAUSE YOU'RE NOT COMING!
YOU'RE GONNA FIND A PHONE--CALL MY PAL BRANIGAN--AND TELL HIM TO GET THE HECK DOWN HERE!
BUT I--!?!
FORGET IT--THERE'S NO TIME TO ARGUE!
NOW PICK UP--AND GET MOVING!
OKAY, JONNY--YOU WIN AGAIN! I'M GOING!
DO ME A FAVOR, WILL YOU? TRY NOT TO GET KILLED!
"I WATCH LINDA MOVE OFF TO SAFETY--THEN I MOVE OUT MYSELF. THE OLD MAGNUM FEELS COMFORTING IN MY HAND AS I MAKE THE WAREHOUSE--AND GRAB MYSELF SOME SHADOW..."
EASY, JONNY--EASY, MAN! NO TELLING WHAT YOU'RE WALKING INTO!
"BUT IT DIDN'T TAKE ME LONG TO FIND OUT..."
FREEZE, FRIEND! ONE WRONG MOVE--AND YOU'RE A HEAD SHORTER!
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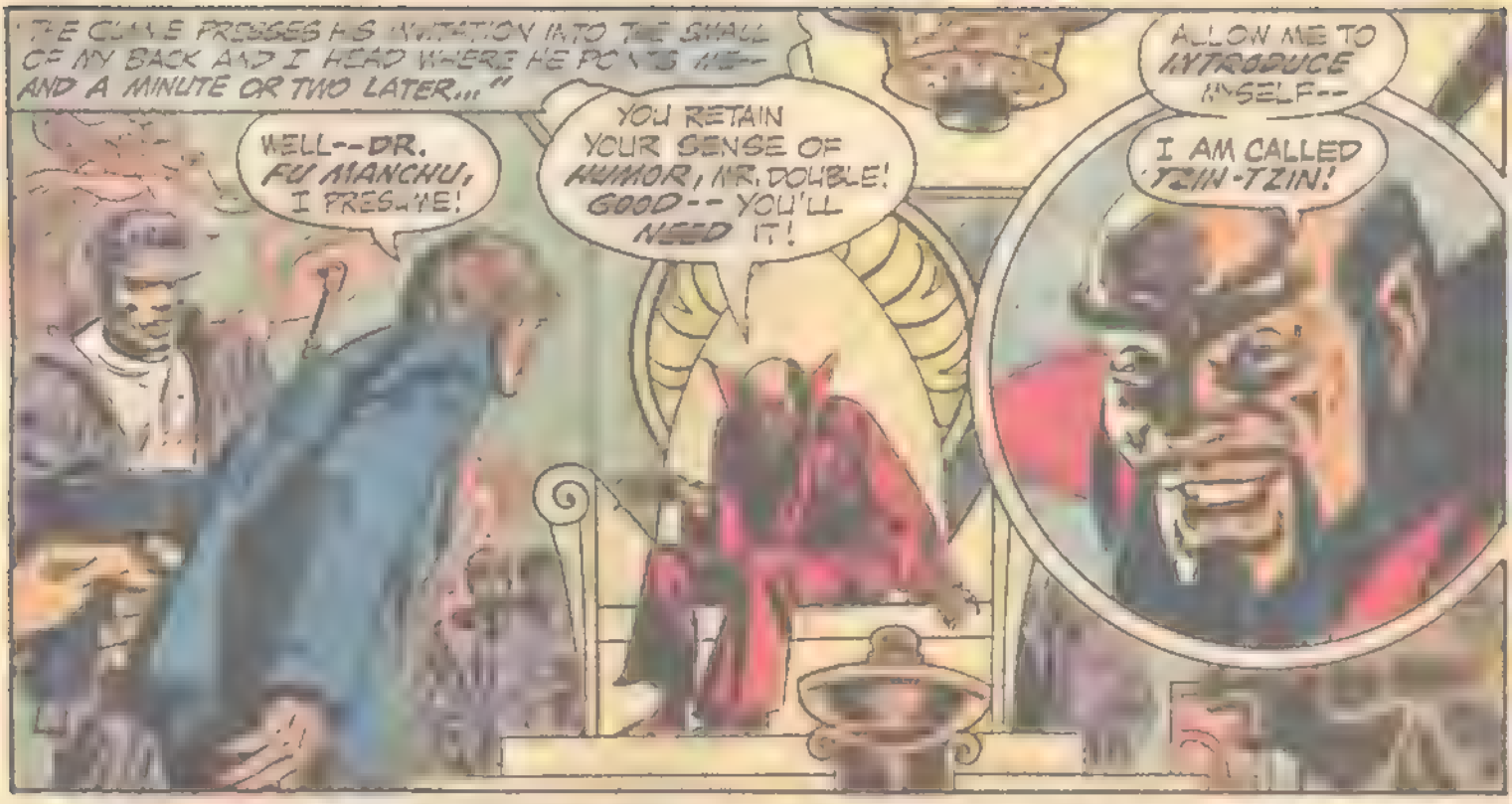
"THE CLAW PRESSES HIS INVITATION INTO THE SMALL OF MY BACK AND I HEAD WHERE HE POINTS ME--AND A MINUTE OR TWO LATER..."
WELL--DR. FU MANCHU, I PRESUME!
YOU RETAIN YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR, MR. DOUBLE! GOOD--YOU'LL NEED IT!
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF--
I AM CALLED TZIN-TZIN!

HEY, I'VE HEARD OF YOU! YOU TANGLED WITH THE BATMAN A FEW TIMES, DIDN'T YA?*
YES--AND I MET WITH REPEATED DEFEAT! BUT I AM A MAN WHO LEARNS FROM HIS MISTAKES!
THAT IS WHY I AM HERE NOW!
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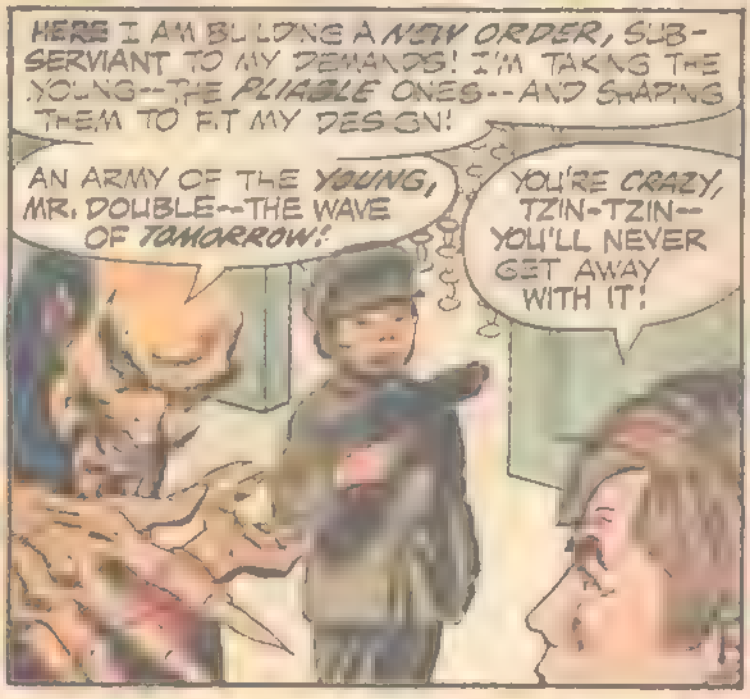
HERE I AM BUILDING A NEW ORDER, SUBSERVIANT TO MY DEMANDS! I'M TAKING THE YOUNG--THE PLIABLE ONES--AND SHAPING THEM TO FIT MY DESIGN!
AN ARMY OF THE YOUNG, MR. DOUBLE--THE WAVE OF TOMORROW!
YOU'RE CRAZY, TZIN-TZIN--YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH IT!

DON'T BE ABSURD, MR. DOUBLE--OF COURSE I WILL! THEY FOLLOW ME BLINDLY WITHOUT QUESTION--THE PERFECT TOOLS! PERMIT ME TO DEMONSTRATE!
CHIN! AT MY COMMAND--ELIMINATE MR. DOUBLE!

"THERE WAS FEAR IN THOSE EYES THE LAST TIME I SAW THEM--NOW THERE IS INDECISION. THE KID WAVERS FOR A SECOND, UNSURE OF WHAT TO DO--AND THEN HE TAKES A STAND..."
NO! I WON'T DO IT! I WON'T BE USED ANY MORE!
SPINELESS FOOL! I GAVE YOU A CHANCE TO REDEEM YOURSELF--BUT YOU'VE PROVEN YOU'RE UNWORTHY! NOW YOU WILL SHARE DOUBLE'S FATE!
DESTROY THEM BOTH!
"TZIN'S JOY-BOYS MOVE CLOSER AND I SNATCH UP THE KID'S GUN, FIGURING TO TAKE SOME OF THEM WITH ME WHEN I GO--BUT SUDDENLY..."
SUPERGIRL?!
I'D HAVE BEEN HERE SOONER--BUT IT TOOK ME A WHILE TO FIND A WORKING PHONE...
...OF COURSE, I CAN'T TELL JONNY THAT!
MAN--AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!
THE BATMAN HAS MENTIONED YOU TO ME, TZIN-TZIN! YOU OUGHT TO LEARN TO FIGHT YOUR OWN BATTLES!
PRESUMPTIOUS WENCH! I AM ABOVE MERE PHYSICAL CONFLICT!
THERE ARE MORE INTERESTING METHODS OF DEALING WITH ONE'S FOES!
SUFFER THE FATE OF ALL THOSE WHO OPPOSE THE DRAGON TONG!
WHAT--? IMPOSSIBLE, THIS JUST CAN'T BE!
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DON'T KNOW WHERE TZIN-TZIN FOUND THAT MONSTROSITY— BUT I DO KNOW I'D BETTER GET RID OF IT...
...BEFORE IT SETS FIRE TO THE ENTIRE WATERFRONT!
IT CAN'T USE ITS FLAME IF IT CAN'T OPEN ITS MOUTH-- BUT I CAN'T MA'NTA'N THIS HOLD FOR MORE THAN A FEW SECONDS!
THERE MUST BE A BETTER WAY TO HANDLE THIS!
THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THIS THAT'S WRONG-- SOMETHING THAT BOTHERS ME-- BUT WHAT? WHAT WAS IT THE BATMAN SAID ABOUT TZIN-TZIN? WHAT--?
OF COURSE! WHAT AN IDIOT I'VE BEEN!
THEY CALL TZIN-TZIN THE MASTER OF ILLUSION! ALL I'VE BEEN FIGHTING IS A MIRAGE-- EASILY DISPELLED BY MY HEAT-VISION!
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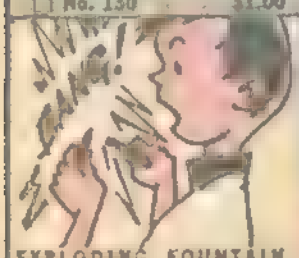

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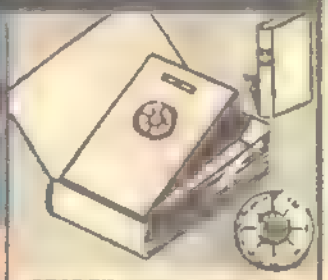

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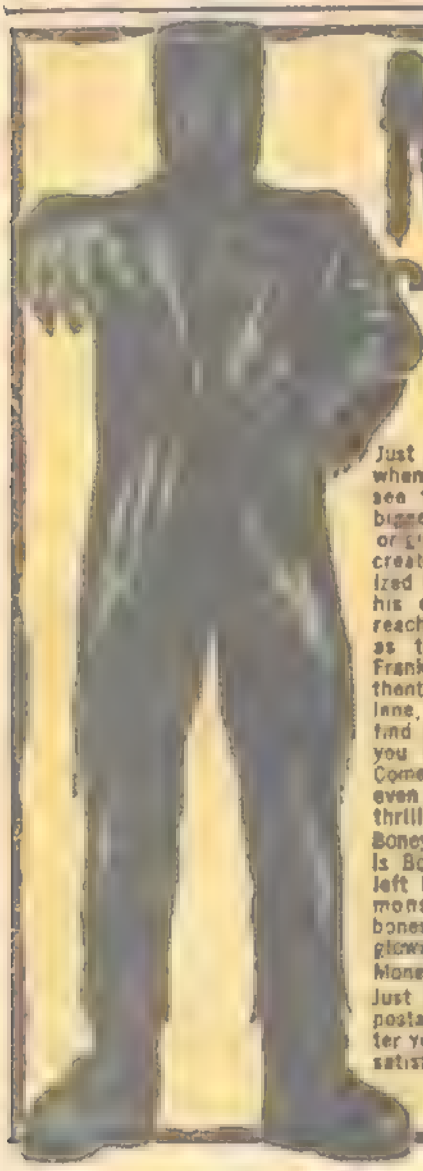

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YOU HAVEN'T DEFEATED ME *YET*, WOMAN! I'LL...

OWW!

WHAT--? SIRENS!

SOMEONE ALERTED THE **POLICE**!

GOOD OLD LINDA-- I **KNEW** SHE'D COME THROUGH!

"SUDDENLY, OLD INSCRUTABLE IS BACKED AGAINST THE WALL-- AND HE *KNOWS* IT..."

NO! THEY'LL NEVER TAKE ME *ALIVE!* I'LL NOT BE **HUMILIATED** AGAIN!

TZIN-TZIN-- COME BACK HERE!

"THE CHICK AND I MAKE FOR THE WINDOW--BUT...

THE UNDERTOW AROUND HERE IS TERRIFIC! THERE'S NO WAY TZIN-TZIN COULD SURVIVE IF HE FELL INTO **THAT!**

I *WONDER*, JONNY. SOMEHOW I THINK WE'LL HEAR FROM H'M *AGAIN!*

"BRANIGAN AND HIS BOYS ROUND UP WHAT'S LEFT OF TZIN'S OPERATION AS THE SUPER-CHICK AND I MAKE OUR GOODBYES..."

THANKS, LITTLE LADY-- THAT'S ONE I *OWE* YOU!

WHO KNOWS, JONNY--MAYBE SOMEDAY I'LL HAVE TO *COLLECT!*

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!

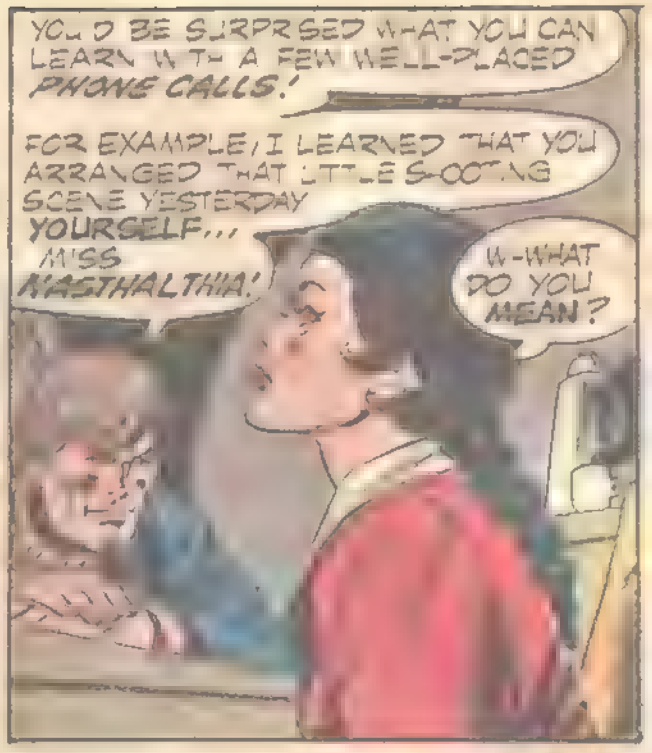
I'D BETTER BE *WAITING* FOR H'M OUTSIDE-- AS *LINDA!*

"LITTLE LINDA'S WAITING FOR ME LIKE I EXPECT--AND AFTER I TELL HER WHAT CAME DOWN INSIDE..."

I DON'T KNOW W-O YOU ARE, *JONNY DOUBLE*-- BUT YOU'RE MORE THAN YOUR AVERAGE **TV** FAN!

LINDA HONEY, IT'S A *LONG* STORY! REMIND ME TO TELL YOU ABOUT IT, SOMETIME!

I PUT LINDA IN A CAB, THEY HEAD HOME
MYSELF TO CATCH UP ON MY SLEEP-- BUT I DON'T FEEL REFRESHED THE NEXT MORNING WHEN LITTLE MISS MYSTERY WALTZES IN THE DOOR...!
WELL, DOUBLE-- LOOKS THE INVESTIGATION GOING? YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LEARN MUCH SITTING ON YOUR DUFF LIKE THAT!


YOU'D BE SURPRISED WHAT YOU CAN LEARN WITH A FEW WELL-PLACED PHONE CALLS!
FOR EXAMPLE, I LEARNED THAT YOU ARRANGED THAT LITTLE SHOOTING SCENE YESTERDAY YOURSELF... MISS NASTHALTHIA!
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

I MEAN THAT YOU AND LINDA DANVERS WORK FOR THE SAME TV STATION!
DO YOU REALLY WANT HER JOB BADLY ENOUGH TO FRAME HER FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER?
BUT I DIDN'T MEAN-- I MEAN THAT'S NOT THE REASON-- THAT IS... I...

SISTER, I DON'T CARE WHAT YOUR REASONS WERE! LINDA IS A NICE CHICK-- SHE SORTA SAVED MY SKIN! YOU JUST DON'T PUT DOWN ON FRIENDS!
YOU OWE ME ONE DAY'S PAY! MAIL ME THE CHECK!
YOU STUPID GUM-SHOE! YOU HAD THE CHANCE OF A LIFE ME IN YOUR HANDS-- AND YOU BLEW IT!

"SHE ALMOST TAKES THE DOOR WITH HER WHEN SHE GOES-- BUT IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME, I DID A FRIEND A FAVOR-- AND I FEEL GOOD..."
FUNNY-- BOTH TIMES I SAW SUPERGIRL LINDA WAS NOWHERE AROUND-- AND SOMEHOW THE SUPER-CHICK KNEW MY NAME! I WONDER...
NAA-- I'D NEVER GET THAT LUCKY!

PHANTOM STRANGER
HE DIDN'T KNOW WHO HE WAS--OR WHERE HE CAME FROM--OR WHY HE WAS DESTINED TO SERVE AS...
DEATH'S STRANGE DEPUTY!
TWO MEN IN A ROOM--ONE ALIVE, THE OTHER HOVERING BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH...
YOU MOVE! YOU ARE CONSCIOUS! IF YOU UNDERSTAND MY WORDS, SPEAK!
WHO ARE YOU? WHO AM I--I DON'T REMEMBER--
MY NAME IS VELIE! AND YOU, SINCE I HAVE CREATED YOU BY THE POWERFUL SECRETS OF BLACK MAGIC, SHALL HAVE THE NAME OF ADAM! COME, GET UP AND I SHALL CLOTHE YOU!

YOU CREATED ME--BY MAGIC?
YES! THE MASTER WIZARDS OF ANCIENT TIMES KNEW THINGS THAT MODERN SCIENCE DARES NOT DREAM ABOUT! NOW YOU ARE READY TO DO THE TASK FOR WHICH I BROUGHT YOU INTO THE WORLD!
LOOK AT THIS IMAGE! IT IS OF AN ENEMY OF MINE--OF YOURS--OF ALL MANKIND! HIS POWERS ARE AS STRANGE AND STRONG AS MY OWN!
EVIL MAGIC GIVES HIM SUCH STRONG PROTECTION THAT HE CAN BE DESTROYED ONLY BY SOMEONE AS PURE AND UNTAINTED BY THE WORLD AS YOURSELF! THAT IS YOUR TASK!
BUT HOW AM I TO DESTROY HIM? I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FIGHT--HOW TO DO ANY-THING!
IT WILL BE EASY FOR YOU! I'LL GIVE YOU THIS DAGGER, AND YOU WILL STAB HIM IN THE HEART--HERE! THEN ALL THE WORLD WILL HONOR YOU FOR YOUR GREAT DEED!
I'LL DO AS YOU SAY! WHAT ARE MY INSTRUCTIONS?
GO TO THE HOUSE AT THE END OF THIS STREET! THE EVIL MAGICIAN IS ALONE THERE TONIGHT! FIND YOUR WAY INSIDE AND STAB HIM TO THE HEART! THEN CALL IN PEOPLE TO SEE WHAT YOU HAVE DONE! THEY WILL PRAISE YOU AND REWARD YOU!
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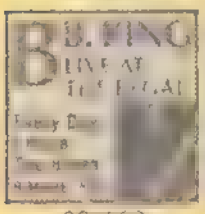

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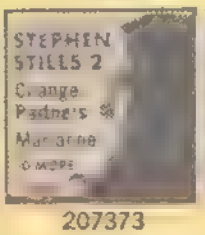

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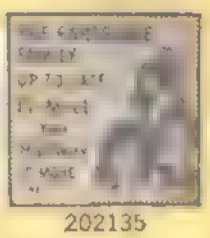
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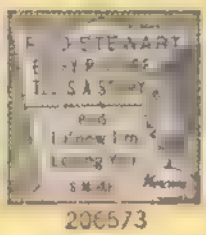

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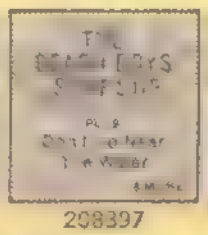
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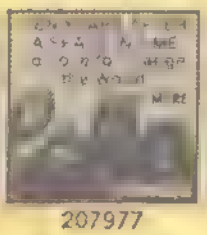
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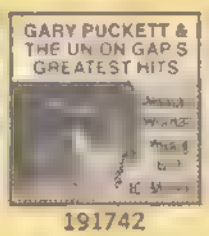

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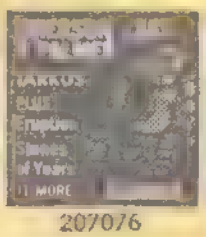
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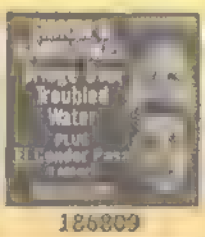

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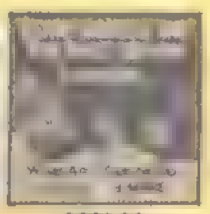
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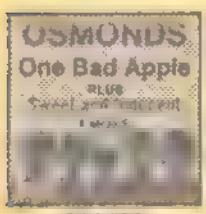

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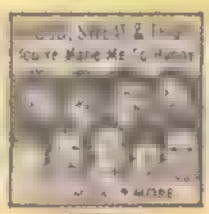
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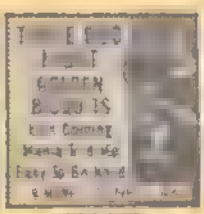
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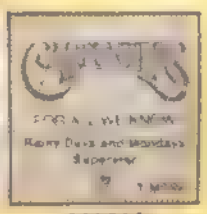
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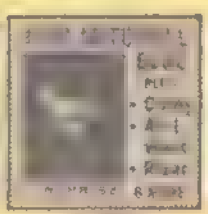
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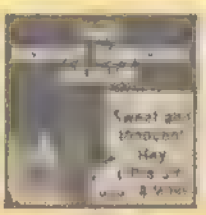

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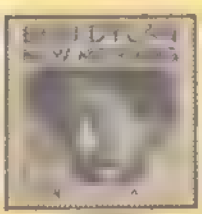
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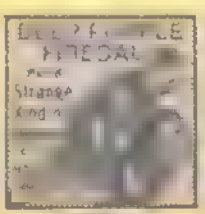

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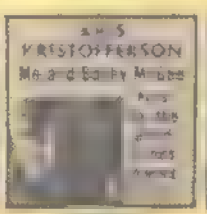
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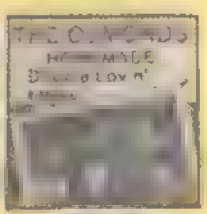
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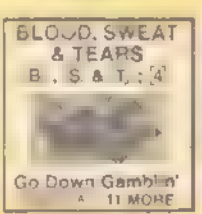

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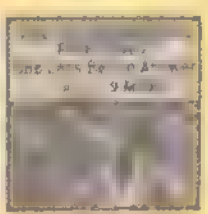
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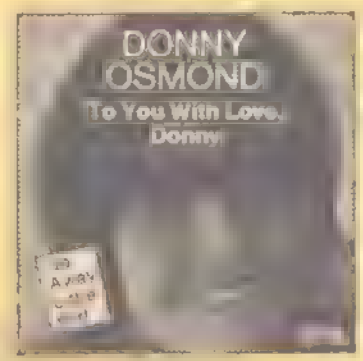

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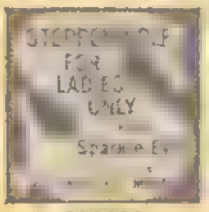
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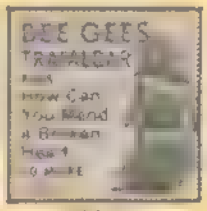

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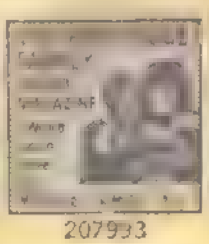
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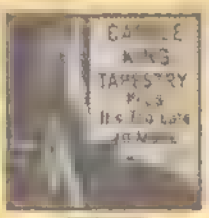

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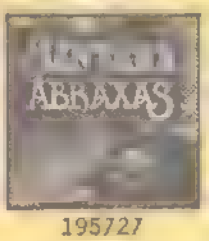

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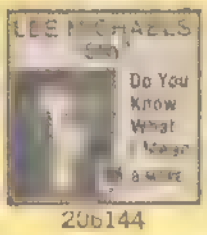

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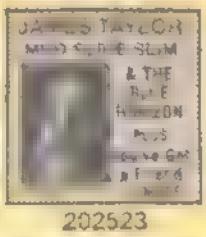

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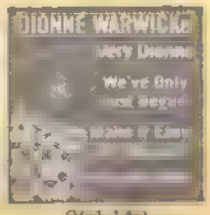

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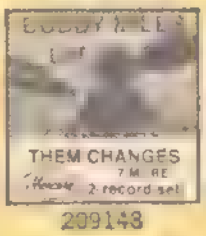

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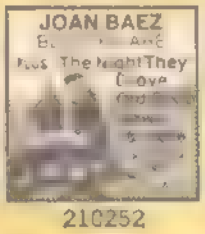

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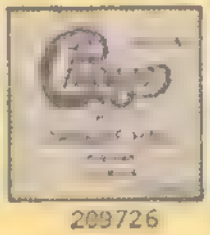
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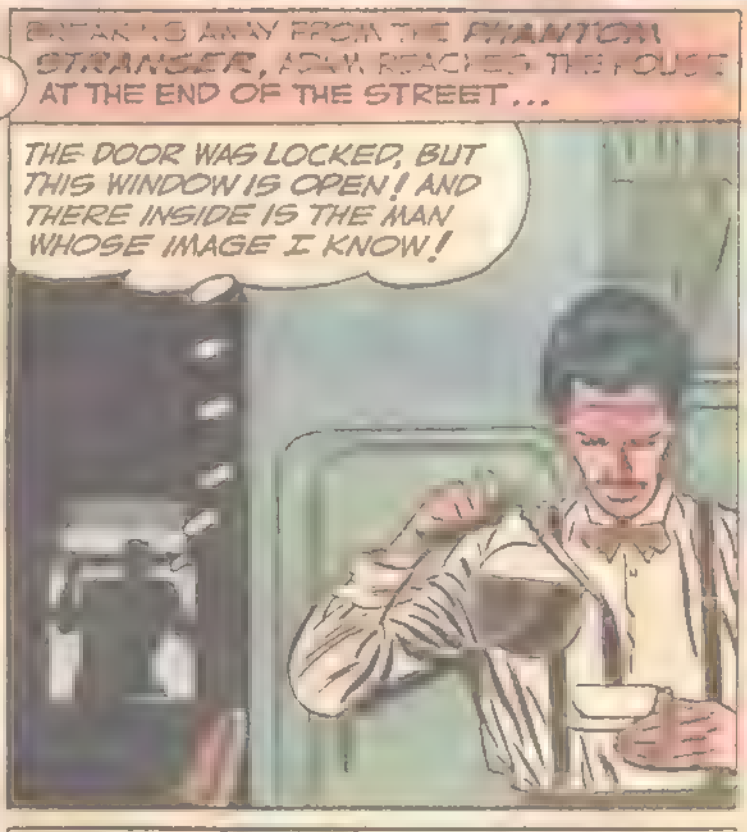
SUDDENLY, OUT OF THE DARK SHADOWS OF THE NIGHT STEPS THE PHANTOM STRANGER...
HELLO, ADAM!
YOU KNOW MY NAME?

I KNOW THE NAMES OF MANY LOST SOULS! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN ANYWHERE-- WHEN I'VE JUST BEEN CREATED AND BROUGHT TO LIFE BY A WISE MAN NAMED VELIE!

ADAM! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? AND WHY ARE YOU CARRYING THAT DAGGER?
LET GO OF ME! I HAVE AN URGENT TASK TO PERFORM!


BREAKING AWAY FROM THE PHANTOM STRANGER, ADAM REACHED THE HOUSE AT THE END OF THE STREET...
THE DOOR WAS LOCKED, BUT THIS WINDOW IS OPEN! AND THERE INSIDE IS THE MAN WHOSE IMAGE I KNOW!

ADAM! WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
I AM GOING TO KILL YOU!

YOU ARE A MENACE TO MANKIND!
ADAM'S ACTING LIKE A MURDEROUS MAD-MAN! I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM!

JUDO-LIKE BLOW BY THE PHANTOM STRANGER FORCES ADAM TO DROP THE DAGGER ...
ADAM! DON'T YOU KNOW ME?
HE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING, MR. CALDWELL! HE TOLD ME HE'D JUST BEEN CREATED BY VELIE! HE THINKS HE'S ABOUT AN HOUR OLD!
HE'S LIVING IN A NIGHTMARE! LET'S TELL HIM WHO HE--
NO--NOT JUST YET! IT MIGHT BE TOO GREAT A SHOCK!
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE LET GO OF HIM! HE'S RUNNING AWAY!
GOOD! I WAS HOPING HE'D DO THAT! MAYBE HE'LL LEAD US TO VELIE!
BACK ALONG THE STREET SPEEDS ADAM, TOWARD THE ONLY PERSON HE KNOWS BY NAME...
VELIE! VELIE!
YOU'VE KILLED HIM--AND ESCAPED? BUT I TOLD YOU TO CALL IN THE NEIGHBORS AND SHOW THEM HIS BODY!
NO! I DIDN'T KILL HIM! SOMEBODY PREVENTED ME! SOMEBODY WHO CALLED ME BY MY NAME--.
YOU FAILED, YOU MISERABLE WEAKLING! DO YOU THINK I GAVE YOU LIFE AND KNOWLEDGE FOR FAILURE?
YOU WERE BROUGHT TO LIFE TO KILL THAT EVIL MAN! IF YOU DO NOT DO THIS DEED, A TERRIBLE FATE WILL OVERTAKE YOU! YOU MUST GO BACK AND TRY AGAIN!
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HERE, TAKE ANOTHER DAGGER! IF ANYONE TRIES TO INTERFERE IN YOUR TASK, HE IS YOUR ENEMY! KILL HIM TOO!
WHAT IS THIS, VELIE? ARE YOU RUNNING A SCHOOL FOR MURDER?
AT THE SOUND OF HIS ENEMY'S VOICE, ADAM SPRINGS AT THE PHANTOM STRANGER, BUT--
SORRY, ADAM--BUT I'VE GOT TO START SOME-WHERE TO PUT AN END TO THIS VIOLENCE!
YOU MEDDLER--I'LL BRING MY ENCHANTMENTS DOWN UPON YOU!
A SPATTERING OF LIQUID... A BURSTING OF FLAME...
THIS IS GOBLIN-FIRE! IF YOU CROSS ITS LINE, YOU WILL BE CONSUMED!
YOU DON'T RATE MY INTELLIGENCE VERY HIGHLY, VELIE! DON'T YOU THINK I KNOW LIQUID PHOSPHORUS WHEN I SEE IT?
I KNOW YOU ARE THE ONE WHO SENT ADAM OUT TO KILL CALDWELL! WHAT I WANT TO KNOW NOW IS WHY YOU WANT THEM BOTH DESTROYED!
THAT'S ONE THING YOU'LL NEVER FIND OUT!
I HAVE A WAY OF MAKING PEOPLE TALK!
TRY IT--AND IT'S THE LAST THING YOU'LL EVER DO!
AS VELIE WHIPS OUT A CONCEALED PISTOL, ADAM HURLS THE LIQUID PHOSPHORUS JAR AT HIM...!
WELL DONE, ADAM!

ADAM! YOU'VE TURNED AGAINST ME--AFTER I CREATED YOU BY MAGIC ART--
YOUR FRANKENSTEIN ACT IS OVER, VELIE! THIS STRANGER'S BLOW RESTORED MY MEMORY--JUST AS YOUR BLOW EARLIER THIS EVENING DEADENED IT!
MY NAME'S ADAM HORTON, AND I'M THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY! CALDWELL, MY BOSS, ASSIGNED ME TO PROVE THAT VELIE'S BEEN USING PHONEY MAGIC TO SCARE THE GANGS OF THE CITY INTO MAKING HIM THEIR CHIEF!
AND YOU UNWITTINGLY TRIED TO HELP VELIE WHEN HE SOLD YOU ON THE IDEA OF CREATING YOU BY MAGIC!

WHEN DISTRICT ATTORNEY CALDWELL ARRIVES..
VELIE TRIED TO GET ME TO KILL YOU, MR. CALDWELL--AND STAND TRIAL FOR YOUR MURDER! HE KNEW THAT THE STORY I'D HAVE TO TELL WOULD BE TOO FANTASTIC EVER TO IMPLICATE HIM!
YOU DID A GOOD JOB, ADAM! YOU BROKE UP VELIE'S MAGIC RACKET!
I REALLY OWE IT ALL TO THIS MAN WHO HELPED ME--WH--WHERE DID HE GO?
HE WAS HERE A SECOND AGO...?? BUT HE'S DISAPPEARED... JUST LIKE A... PHANTOM!
THE END

FOLLOW THE PHANTOM STRANGER THROUGH MYSTIC ADVENTURES IN EVERY ISSUE OF HIS OWN SPINE-CHILLING MAGAZINE...

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DIRECT CURRENTS

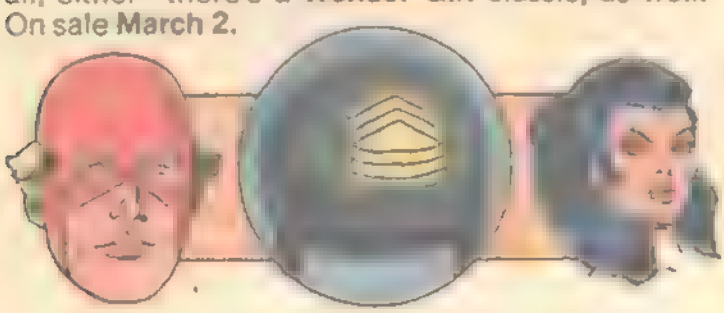
Okay, readers, I'm back—the Big E, with another column on DC coming attractions! You say you want action, mystery, and adventure? Tell you what I'm gonna do! I'll give you a rundown on our upcoming line of the best in all three areas! March is a big month—coming in like a pride of lions, with **Our Army at War,** and going out like—no, not like a lamb, but that super-sweetheart at whom only a villain would say "Bah!"—**Supergirl!** And don't forget, this is the month of DC's first issue of **Korak, Son of Tarzan!**

Another top **DC SUPER SPECTACULAR** comes to you on **March 2!** This is the **SUPERBOY** issue, with two adventures of the **Smallville Sensation,** plus a double-length adventure of his with the **Legion of Super-Heroes!** That doesn't fill the whole 100 pages, of course, so there's also the first **Teen Titans** adventure, the origin of **Little Boy Blue and the Blue Boys,** and Golden Age tales of **The Star-Spangled Kid** and **Kid Eternity!** It's **#185 (DC-12),** the **May** issue!

Want true tales of **GHOSTS?** That's the title of the mag which gives you the facts—only the names and places are changed, to protect us from avenging spirits. In the **June** issue **(#5),** which hits the stands on **March 2,** there are four chillers—"The Hearse Came at Midnight," "Caravan of Doom," "Hands from the Grave," and "Death, the Pale Horseman." So my advice is—haunt the newsstands until you find this issue.

Did I say "like a pride of lions"? That's **Easy Company,** led by **Sgt. Rock,** as the men storm their way deep into enemy territory! Why have they ventured so far behind German lines? That's what the Nazis would like to know—and when they capture **Rock,** they do all in their power to get something out of him besides his name, rank and serial number. Will "The Prisoner" break? See **OUR ARMY AT WAR #245 (May),** on sale **March 2!**

Dr. Cyber returns to plague **WONDER WOMAN** in the **June** issue of her mag **(#200)!** The story is called "The Beauty-Hater," and takes **Diana Prince** from a high mountaintop to a subterranean chamber of horrors! Oh, and **Jonny Double,** DC's ace detective, is there again, providing new romantic interest for the former Amazon princess. That's not all, either—there's a **Wonder Girl** classic, as well! On sale **March 2.**



The **JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA** winds up its battle with **Starbreaker**—the **Cosmic Vampire**—in the **JLA's May** issue **(#98).** And since **Sargon the Sorcerer** figures strongly in the plot, editor Julie Schwartz has planned an added treat for you—a **Sargon** tale from the Golden Age! It's titled "The Woman Who Wanted the World!" Better get this star-studded issue—it's on sale **March 7!**

The hereditary chief of a South Sea people is dead—and **Johnny Cloud** must take over his identity in order to lead the natives in defending their island against the Japanese invaders. But **Cloud** goes overboard and his pals in **The Losers** begin to think it's all over for their Navaho buddy. After all, who can fight bullets and shells with primitive weapons? Another loss for **The Losers?** See the **June OUR FIGHTING FORCES (#137),** on sale **March 7!**

The **Superman-Batman Team** fights again in the **May WORLD'S FINEST (#211)!** Their problem this time concerns a mysterious girl who is a "Fugitive from the Stars!" And speaking of mysterious females, have we got a mystery girl for you! In the **Bureau of Missing Villains,** we bring you the premiere appearance of **The Harlequin,** the gal who turned to crime to attract the attention of the Golden Age **Green Lantern!** From **All American Comics in 1947,** this bonus comes your way on **March 9!**

Hawk, SON OF TOMAHAWK, goes among the Indians in search of a white girl who has been captured by the red men. Trouble is, she doesn't want to be rescued! Seems she's content with her new lot as wife of a brave chief. Only her people want her back, and **Hawk** is determined to get her back, whether she likes it or not! Then comes the big showdown with her Indian husband! What happens? Why not get the **June** issue **(#140),** on sale **March 9,** and find out?

A high lama is dead in Tibet—and a boy who played the flute for him is suspected of murdering him! Who can clear up the mystic puzzle—and find the new-born child destined to become the next lama, as well? Who but **THE PHANTOM STRANGER?** This fabulous tale, authored by Bob Kanigher and Len Wein, and illoed by Jim Aparo, headlines the **June** issue **(#19),** on the stands **March 9!** There's more I could tell you—but why give away the whole issue?

In the last **FLASH,** you read the classic battle of the two **Flashes** with **Vandal Savage;** this time, read the surprising sequel, in which **THE FLASH** and his Golden Age counterpart face even greater peril from the ages-old evildoer! The 25-page tale is titled "Death of an Immortal!" Also in this issue—a tale from **Showcase #4,** which introduced the **Flash** of today—"The Man Who Broke the Time Barrier!" It's illustrated by Carmine Infantino, with inks by Joe Kubert. All this in issue **#215 (May),** on sale **March 9!**

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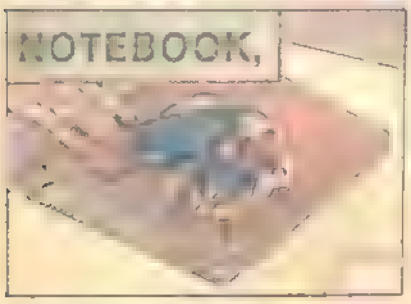

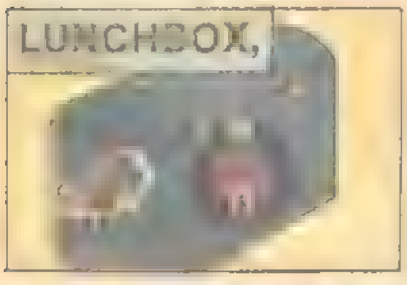

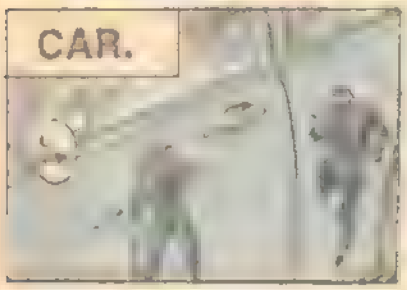

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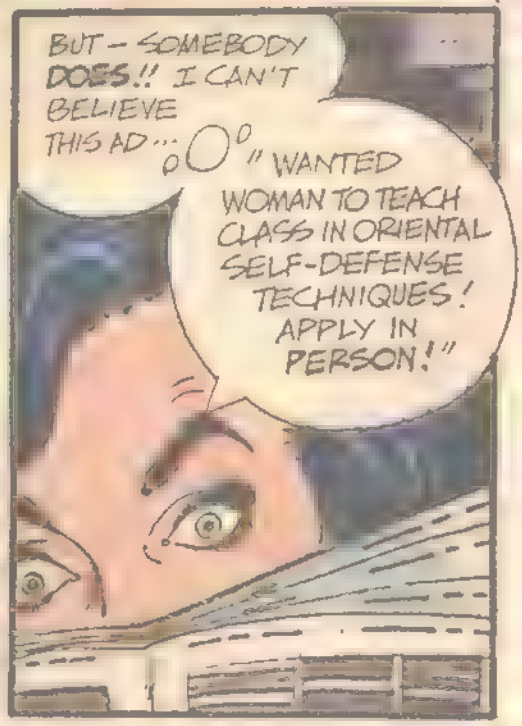
MUSCLES TENSED, SHE FACES HER MASKED FOES...AND HER OWN SUDDEN, VIOLENT DEATH ...

IN THE NEXT TEN SECONDS, SHE RECALLS HOW SHE CAME TO THIS DEN OF DANGER...

...WHEN, ONLY THE WEEK BEFORE, AS DINAH DRAKE, SHE FACED ANOTHER, LESS CRITICAL, DILEMMA...

..THIS WIDOW LADY HAS TO FIND A JOB! — AND THAT WON'T BE EASY! I'M AN EXPERT AT JUDO .. THAT'S ALL!!
..SMALL CHANCE THAT ANYONE SEEKS THAT TALENT IN A WOMAN!

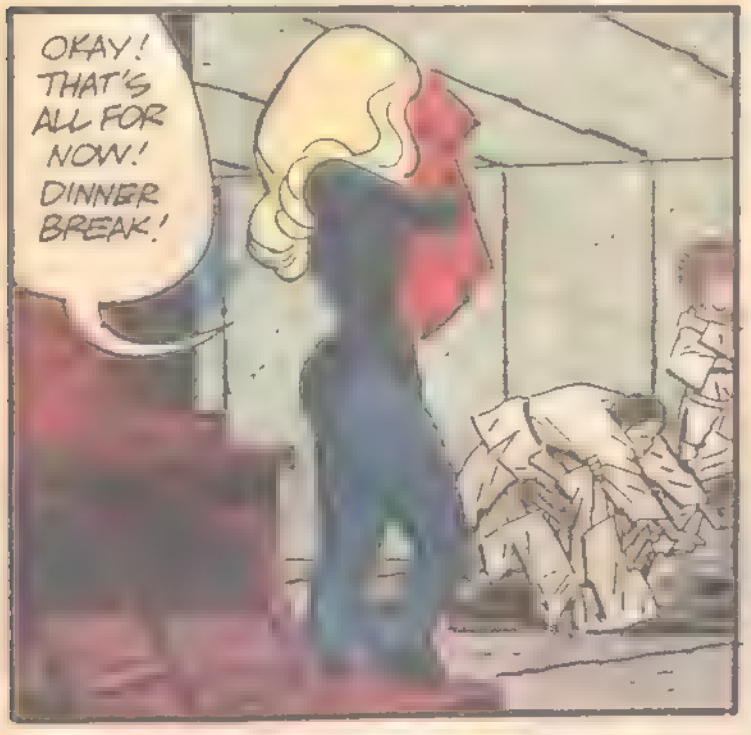

BUT — SOMEBODY DOES!! I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS AD... "WANTED WOMAN TO TEACH CLASS IN ORIENTAL SELF-DEFENSE TECHNIQUES! APPLY IN PERSON!"

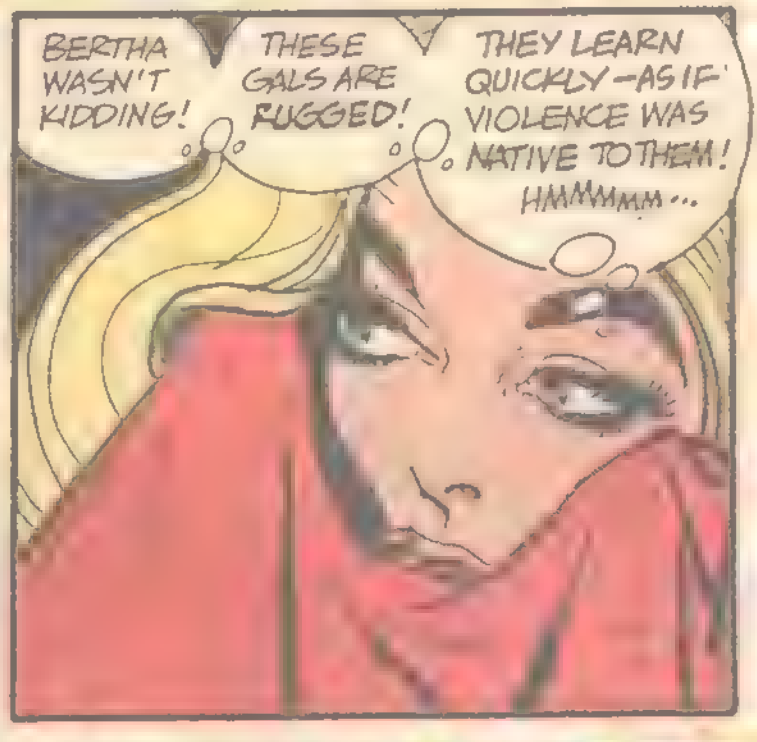
LATER...
...BY NOON, SHE REACHED HER DESTINATION...
BRAKKABRRAHHHM
I'VE BEEN IN NICER NEIGHBORHOODS— STILL, IT'S A JOB!
WOMEN'S RESISTANCE LEAGUE
CRASH
HELLO! I'VE COME ABOUT THE POSITION YOU ADVERTISED!
OH, YES! YOU LOOK FAMILIAR! HAVE I SEEN YOU BEFORE? —OR YOUR PICTURE — IN A NEWSPAPER, PERHAPS?!
YES! YOU'RE THE BLACK CANARY!
RIGHT!
TELL ME, CAN YOU LIVE UP TO YOUR REPUTATION, HONEY?
IF YOU MEAN—
DO I KNOW JUDO?
THE ANSWER IS—
YES!
LET'S SEE!
TIMOTHY! TEST HER!

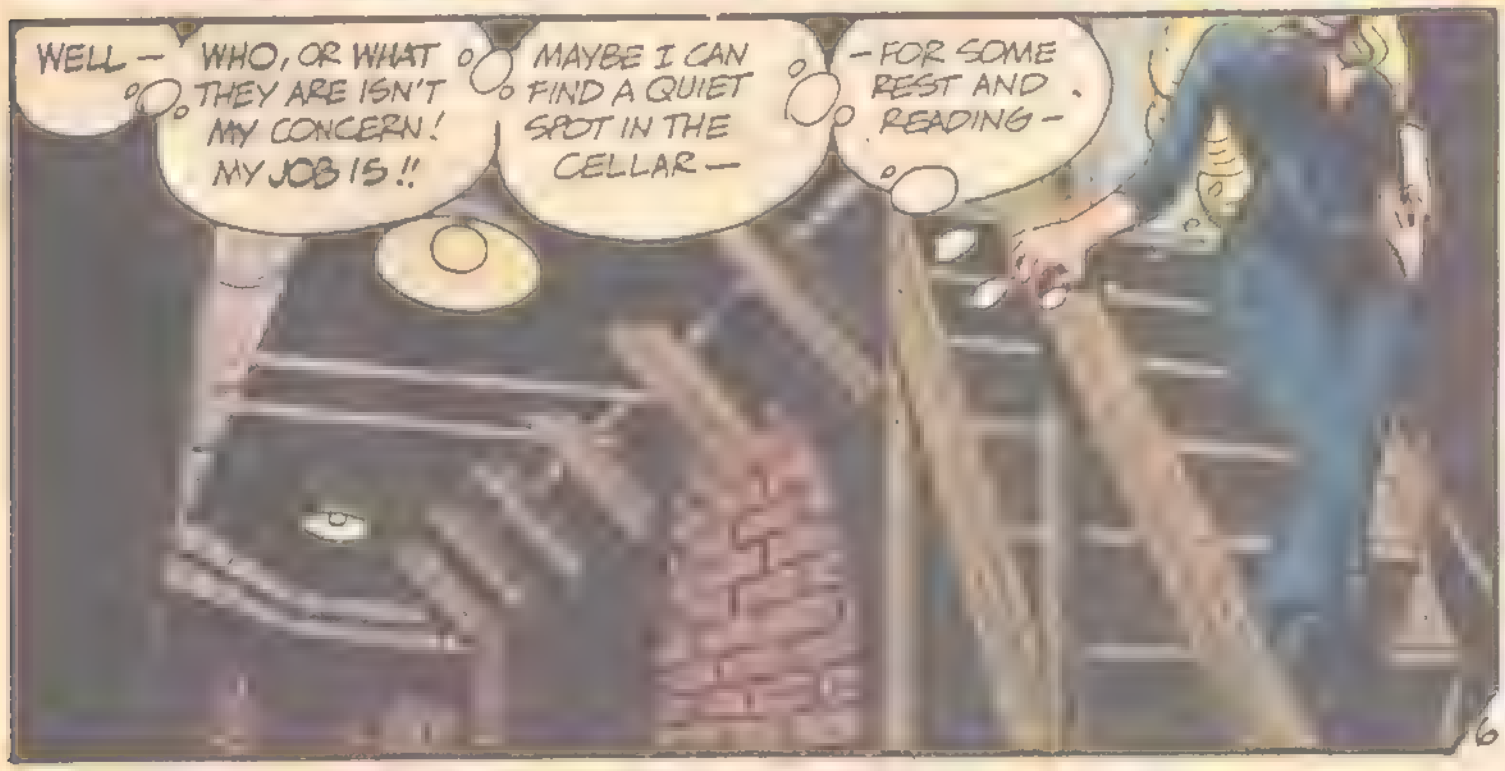
WHAP
KAWOOOSH
HAW HAW HAW
GOTCHA, LI'L OL' BIRDIE!
KAWOOOSH
KAWOOOSH
NO NEED!
THE JOB IS YOURS!
WANT TO TRY AGAIN?

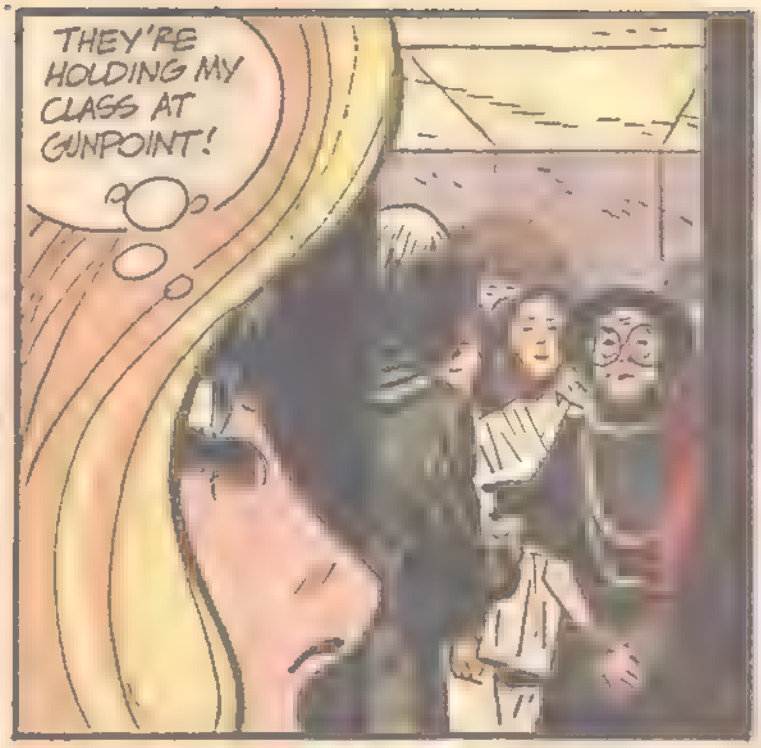
I'M BERTHA KANE..
..PRESIDENT OF THE WOMEN'S RESISTANCE LEAGUE!!
MIND TELLING ME ITS PURPOSE ?!?
TO MAKE WOMEN EQUAL TO MEN IN EVERY WAY, INCLUDING PHYSICALLY! WE'RE TIRED OF BEING DOMINATED BY MALE STRENGTH!!
SOUNDS GOOD! WHEN DO I START? — AND WHERE?
RIGHT NOW, AND BACK, THROUGH THERE, IN OUR NEW GYM! YOUR FIRST CLASS AWAITS YOU —!
THEN...
WE'LL BEGIN WITH A BRIEF HISTORY OF JUDO, AND ITS TRADITIONS —
AHH — LET'S FOREGO ACADEMICS, B.C. —
— AND MOVE ON, TO MORE PRACTICAL MATTERS —
— LIKE THE TRICKS YOU FLATTENED TIMOTHY WITH —!!
NO NEED TO BE GENTLE! OUR WOMEN ARE TOUGH!!
VERY WELL!
WE'LL START WITH A SIMPLE THROW —

FOR THE NEXT FIVE DAYS SHE WORKED HARD, GIVING HER PUPILS SKILLS A LESSER INSTRUCTOR MIGHT HAVE TAKEN WEEKS TO TEACH —

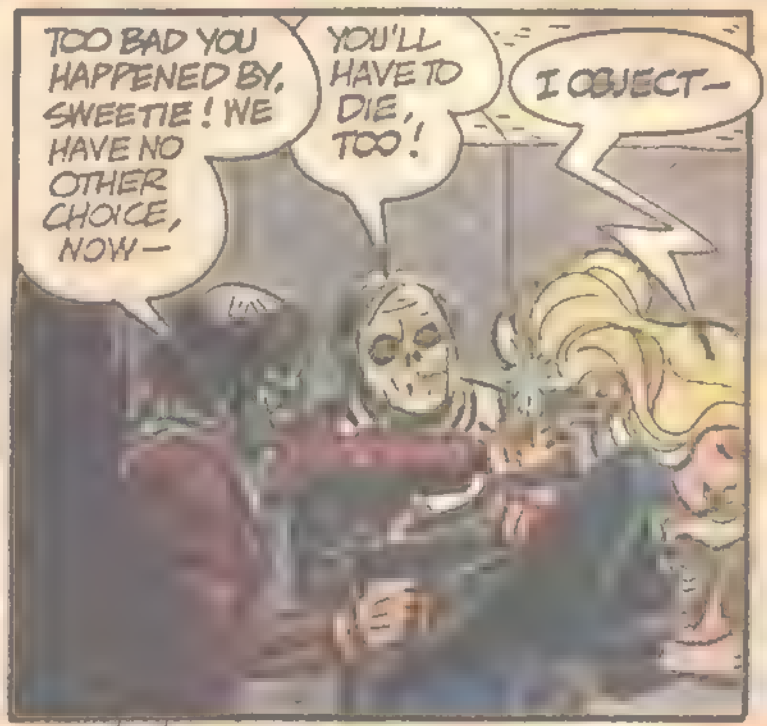








THUS, WE'VE COME FULL CIRCLE, BACK TO THE PRESENT, TELLING HOW THE **BLACK CANARY** CAME TO BE IN THIS CIRCLE OF DOOM !!!



WHAM
AFTER..
CONSIDER THIS A PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION OF HOW JUDO REALLY DOES WORK!
I'LL STAND GUARD!
BERTHA! CALL THE POLICE!
NO YOU WON'T!
WHAT
SHOULD'A DONE THAT BEFORE, 'BOSS'— TH' BROAD NEARLY CRIPPLED US—!!
HAD TO WAIT 'TIL IT WAS OVER..
I DIDN'T WANT HER RACKING ME UP, TOO!
DOES THIS CHANGE OUR PLANS ANY?
NO! IT JUST ADDS A STEP!
WELL?
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR—??
FINISH HER OFF!!
...TO BE CONTINUED!
'HANG IN THERE, GANG!'
TRY TO WAIT FOR THE NEXT ADVENTURE'S CHATTERING CLIMAX TO THIS NEWEST PLIGHT OF THE BLACK CANARY!!

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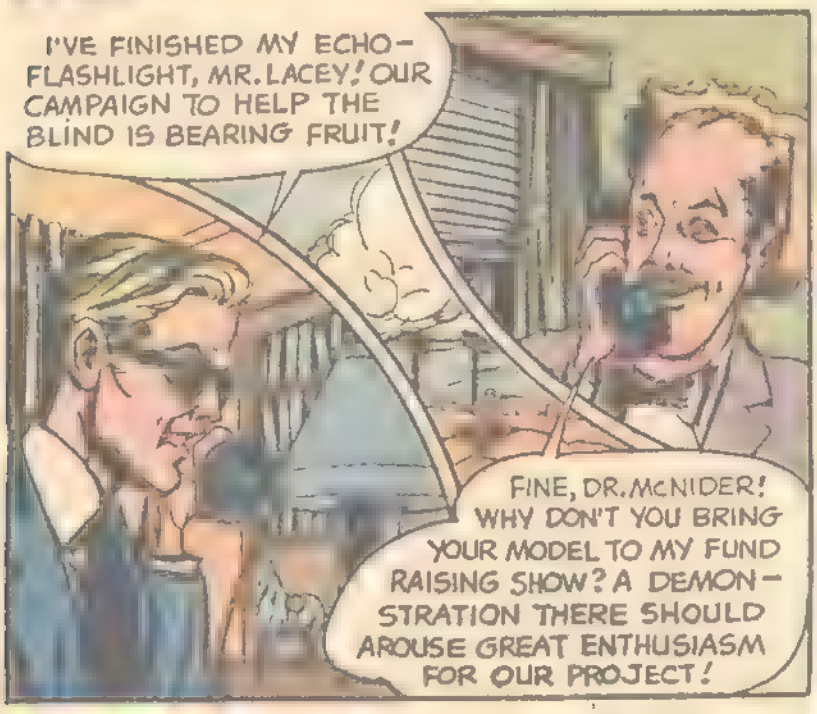
I'VE FINISHED MY ECHO-FLASHLIGHT, MR. LACEY! OUR CAMPAIGN TO HELP THE BLIND IS BEARING FRUIT!
FINE, DR. McNIDER! WHY DON'T YOU BRING YOUR MODEL TO MY FUND RAISING SHOW? A DEMONSTRATION THERE SHOULD AROUSE GREAT ENTHUSIASM FOR OUR PROJECT!

THE ECHO-FLASHLIGHT WORKS PERFECTLY! IF I WERE BLIND IT WOULD HAVE KEPT ME FROM WALKING INTO THAT MANHOLE!
DRUGS
SHORTLY--ALONG A COUNTRY ROAD...
IT WAS KIND OF MR. LACEY TO OFFER TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE BLIND BY EXHIBITING HIS PRIVATE COLLECTION OF WHEELED-ANTIQUES. I'LL WALK TO HIS PLACE--SAY I USED MY INVENTION TO GUIDE ME HERE...
ABOUT TIME YOU SHOWED UP, McNIDER! I'VE BEEN WAITING TO SEE HOW YOUR GIMMICK WORKS!
HUH? YOU-YOU KNOW ME--AND ABOUT IT?
YEAH! MURVIS TIPPED ME OFF ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON, AND I TAPPED YOUR PHONE!
MURVIS...MR. LACEY'S SECRETARY! GOT TO FIND A WAY TO CHANGE TO DR. MID-NITE!
PRETEND TO TRIP...
OOPS!... TRIPPED!
HERE'S MY PHONE AS A STARTER--THE GANG WILL GIVE YOU THE FINISHER! HEY, GUYS--ACTION!
BUT AS THE MOBSTERS BURST FROM CONCEALMENT...
DR. MID-NITE! WH-WHERE'S McNIDER?
I FIGURED IT WAS GOING TO BE TOO ROUGH FOR HIM AROUND HERE...SO I TOLD HIM TO BEAT IT!

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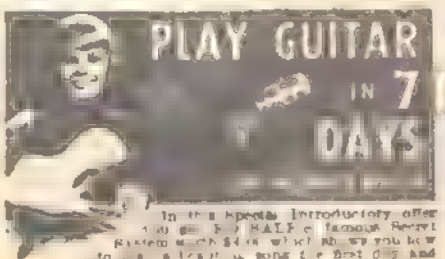

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THIS ROUGH ENOUGH TO START?
OOOFF!
YOU'RE NEXT, PAL!
HEY, COYNE! GIVE ME A HAND WITH THIS MUGG!
A HAND? HOW ABOUT A FOOT-- TWO OF 'EM!
GOOD IDEA, COYNE...
...BAD AIM, COYNE!
YOWP!
AS COYNE WHIPS OUT A GUN, THE DARK CRUSADER MAKES A LIGHTNING MOVE...
NO YOU DON'T!
AAHRG!
THE NEXT INSTANT...
NICE GO.N', MURVIS!.. BUT HOW'D YOU KNOW WE'D RUN INTO TROUBLE?
I DIDN'T! I CAME TO SEE HOW YOU WERE MAKING OUT -- TOOK THIS ANTIQUE BIKE BECAUSE LACEY WOULD'VE HEARD A MOTOR!
CRASH!
UNGH!
THE CHUMP STOPPED ME FROM GETTIN' McNIDER'S ECHO - FLASHLIGHT! I'LL MESS HIM UP PLENTY FOR THAT!

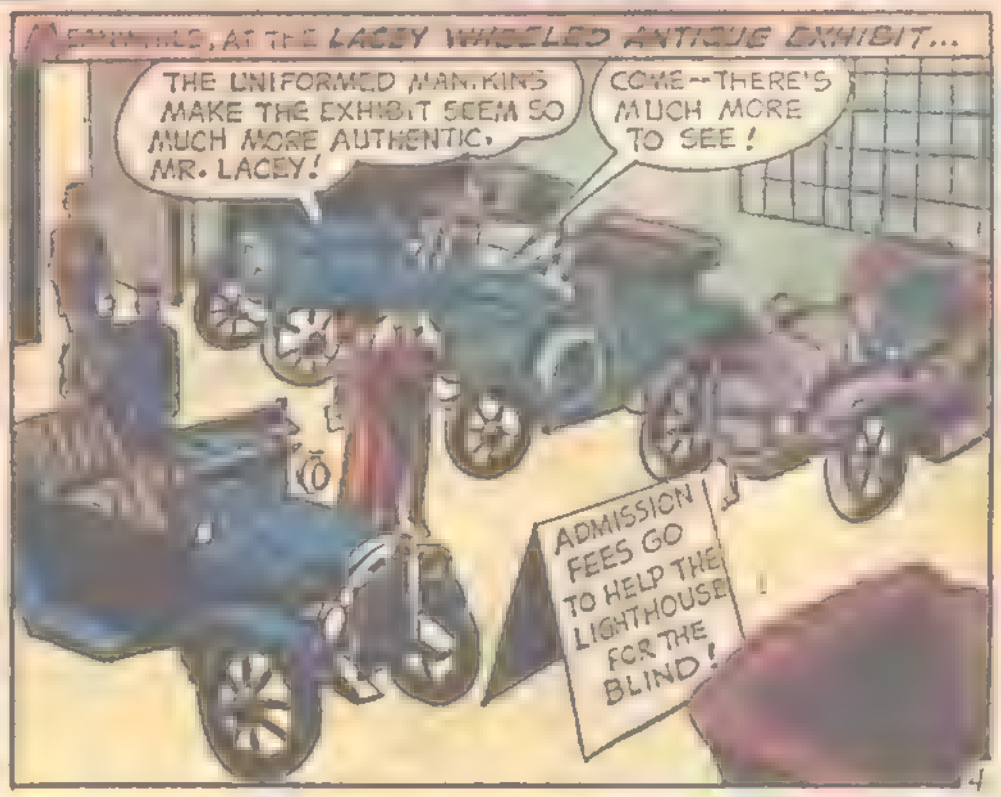
SHORTLY...
BLAST THAT MID-NITE! OUR GETAWAYS AT NIGHT WOULD HAVE BEEN A CINCH WITH THE ECHO-FLASHLIGHT!... COPS COULDN'T SPOT US IN THE DARK...
WELL, THE DAY WON'T BE A TOTAL LOSS! COME ON-- WE'RE GOING TO ROB LACEY'S CHARITY PARTY!

SO LONG, MID-NITE! IF YOU DON'T BREAK YOUR NECK AGAINST THAT TREE-- YOU'LL KILL YOURSELF ON THOSE ROCKS!

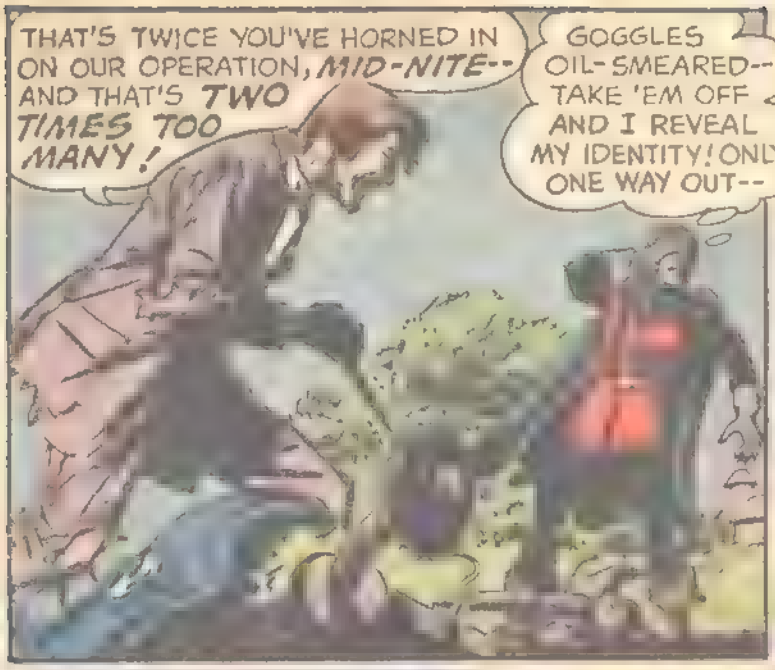
THE BUMPING OF THE ANCIENT BYCICLE ON THE ROUGH ROAD JARS MID-NITE TO CONECIOUSNESS...
CAN'T SEE WHERE I'M GOING-- WHAT I'M HEADING FOR! THIS IS A SPOT MADE TO ORDER FOR MY INVENTION!

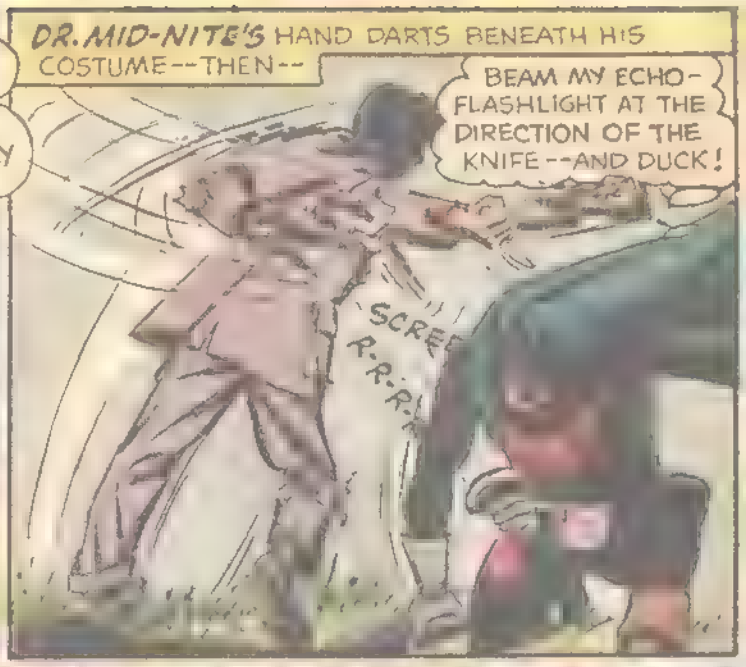
DR. MID-NITE TAKES OUT THE ECHO-FLASHLIGHT
INSTEAD OF A BEAM OF LIGHT, MY FLASHLIGHT PROJECTS A NARROW BEAM OF SOUND WHICH CHANGES TO A LOUD NOISE WHEN REFLECTED OFF AN OBJECT--OH-OH! DANGER AHEAD!
SCREE
R-R-R-R

USE MY FEET TO STEER BETWEEN THE TREE AND THE ROCKS--THEN SKID THE BIKE OFF THE ROAD AND STOP IT ON THE GRASS!

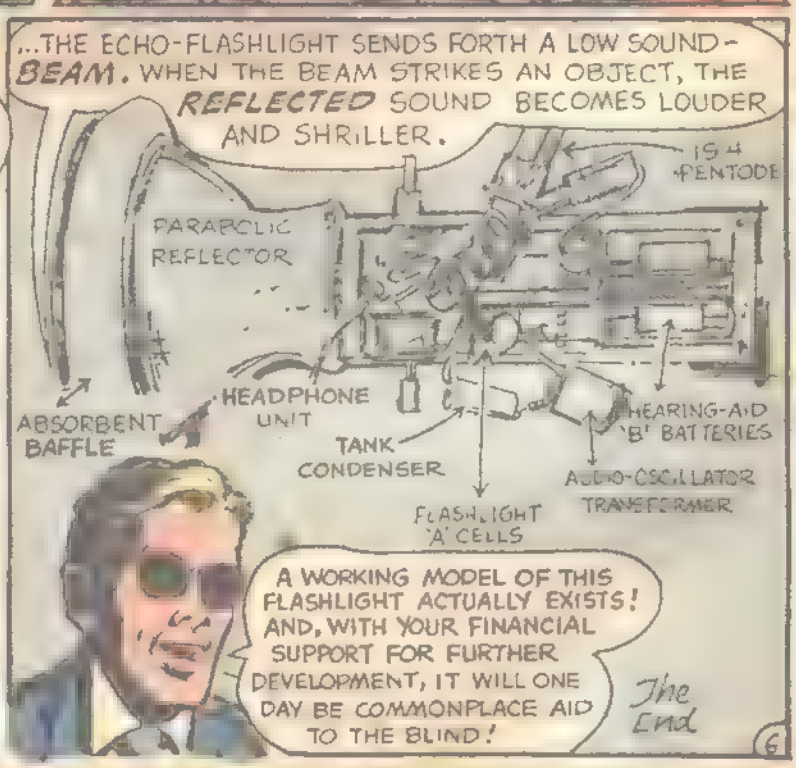

MEANWHILE, AT THE LACEY WHEELED ANTIQUE EXHIBIT...
THE UNIFORMED MANIKINS MAKE THE EXHIBIT SEEM SO MUCH MORE AUTHENTIC, MR. LACEY!
COME--THERE'S MUCH MORE TO SEE!
ADMISSION FEES GO TO HELP THE LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND!

...MY COLLECTION OF COACHES, CARTS AND WAGONS...
WONDERFUL! I'M GOING TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL DONATION TO YOUR CAMPAIGN, LACEY. THIS EXHIBIT'S WORTH IT!
SUDDENLY...
WE'RE TAKING OVER THIS SHOW, FOLKS!
KEEP QUIET AND HAND OVER YOUR VALUABLES--OR GET BLASTED!
MURVIS! WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
MINUTES LATER--INSIDE THE GETAWAY CAR...
OKAY! START ROLLING!
WE'LL BE CLEAR IN TWO SHAKES!
AS THE CAR STARTS FORWARD...
FOR PETE'S SAKE! WHAT'S THAT?
DR. MID-NITE... RIDING A HORSE-DRAWN CHARIOT!
YOU WON'T GET FAR WITH SLASHED TIRES!
WHOOSH
OUT OF CONTROL, THE CAR LURCHES--SWAYS--AND--
UGH! OIL SPLATTERED OVER MY GOGGLES--!
KR-RAMM


THAT'S TWICE YOU'VE HORNED IN ON OUR OPERATION, MID-NITE-- AND THAT'S TWO TIMES TOO MANY!
GOGGLES OIL-SMEARED-- TAKE 'EM OFF AND I REVEAL MY IDENTITY! ONLY ONE WAY OUT--



LATER, AFTER HAVING RESUMED THE IDENTITY OF DR. MCNIDER...
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN--THIS "ECHO-FLASHLIGHT" IS A VAST IMPROVEMENT OVER CANE-TAPPING. THE PRINCIPLE BEHIND THIS DEVICE IS SIMILAR TO RADAR AND SONAR DEVICES...


...THE ECHO-FLASHLIGHT SENDS FORTH A LOW SOUND-BEAM. WHEN THE BEAM STRIKES AN OBJECT, THE REFLECTED SOUND BECOMES LOUDER AND SHRILLER.
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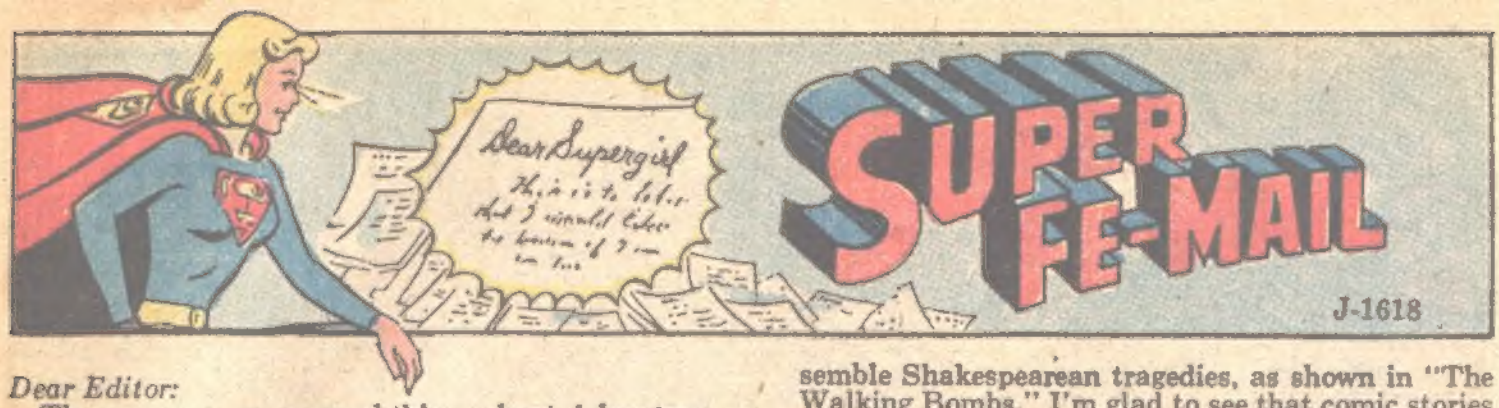

Dear Editor:

There were so many good things about *Adventure* #413 that I hardly know where to begin. Perhaps it would be best if I commenced with what excited me the most, namely the announcement in the lettercol that following *Zatanna* (which, incidentally, promises to be a very excellent series) there will be other characters featured in *new* stories. Quite frankly, I wasn't too impressed with the selection of *The Vigilante*—a one-time third-rate filler in *Action*—as the next star on the agenda. But I was impressed with the choice of the *"Bird Lady"* to fill this spot.

I was also impressed by the manner in which the cast of characters for this issue was advertised above the logo—the most visible and therefore important spot on the cover.

As for *Supergirl*, please don't leave any loose ends dangling. In #410, one *Mike Merrick* was introduced as a semi-baddie who leaves a soggy *Super(less)girl* on the beach, taking with him the knowledge of her alter-ego. Since presumably he is still on the lam, it should be just a matter of time before we come into contact with him again. The question is, WHEN? Also, as was the custom with your immediate predecessor, let's give credit where it's due and identify the reader who concocted *Linda's* new garb.

Joe Arul, Fort Lee, N.J.

(We lost the name of one of the costume designers, but gave you the identities of the others. How'd you like our "new style" Vigilante *in last month's issue? By the way,* Mike Merrick *is slated for a return in our very next issue.)*

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Dear Editor:

Congratulations on a near-perfect issue (#413). Oh, don't get me wrong; I have no complaints except one. It's not that I don't like Bob Oksner's work, but somehow his style just doesn't seem to fit in with *Supergirl*. It's too cartoony; made up of simple lines. Perhaps if he added more detail . . .

The *Supergirl* story itself was surprisingly good. It's nice to see *Supergirl* not worrying too greatly about her on-again, off-again super-powers, which was beginning to be overdone (and it's also nice to see she still has her feminine traits, which too often get lost in her exploits).

Hey! The *Zatanna* adventure was too much! Gray Morrow and Len Wein prove to be a perfect team in relating her adventures to us. I hope she'll be appearing every once in a while..

Bob Pinaha, Sayreville, N.J.

(How about next issue? Len has written a new 5-pager about Zatanna, *which Dick Giordano illoed. And how do you think Oksner's doing in the art department now?)*

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Dear Editor:

Once again I've put my big foot in my equally big mouth. So I'm now going to try to pull it out.

Although I still miss Mike Sekowsky, Joe Orlando is doing a more than adequate job with *Adventure*. I like the idea of featuring an array of heroes in each ish, as well as the preview of the forthcoming ish. Art Saaf and Bob Oksner do fine work on *Supergirl* artistically. As for the stories, they tend to resemble Shakespearean tragedies, as shown in "The Walking Bombs." I'm glad to see that comic stories are reading more like literary pieces, and this tale was interesting because of the personality given *Robert Meekly*. He wasn't actually a villain, but a man driven to his position by circumstance. His death does take on an aura of tragedy, because it was one of sacrifice and heroism, which is why one can feel sorry for him. The ending was touching and effective. John Albano deserves credit for a fine effort.

Since *Zatanna's* last *JLA* appearance was a near-disaster, I didn't expect much here, but Len Wein did it again. He and Gray Morrow have made her come to life in this well-done story. I'm anxious to see *Black Canary* as well, since it's something I asked for a while back. Now, if I could keep my feet on the ground as often as you turn out hit comics, we'd all be all right!

Gerard Triano, Elmont, N.Y.

(Now that you've seen the Alex Toth version of Black Canary, *don't you think it was worth waiting for!!)*

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Dear Editor:

Comments on *Adventure* #413. Excellent cover! Especially commendable for its honesty. I like *Supergirl's* uniform this issue, also. The story was less appealing. The art was nice, but unremarkable. Same goes for the plot. Good human interest. I especially liked your prologue. Nothing like a Peeping Tom to cramp a super-heroine's style.

The *Hawkman* and *Robotman* stories were both refreshing and entertaining, but I have a soft spot for reprints, anyhow.

But I wrote this letter so that you will know my feelings on the *Zatanna* story, rather than the above drivel.

Ahhh!—*Zatanna!* Lovely sorceress (?). I always felt that she was a rather colorless character—until now. Oh, boy! When you make changes, do you make changes! Her old-fashioned garb next to her manager/boy friend's mod attire makes a refreshing contrast. I happen to like *Jeffrey Sloane*, so any further developments in their personal relationship have my blessing. I also approve of the fact that *Jeff* seems to be a little huskier than your usual male romantic interest. I suspect, also, that he may be a trifle shorter than *Zatanna*. This bit of realism is highly commendable. These relatively small details have a profound influence on the total effect of honesty.

I am biased because I like continued stories, but I really liked the way you ended the first part of this one. It induces you to buy the next issue without being a cliff-hanger. Cliff-hangers remind me of soap operas. Marvel tends to fall into that trap too often.

I'll be anxiously awaiting the next issue of *Adventure*.

Illona R. Arywitz, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(Thanks—that's what we try to do—give you an episode complete in itself, even though the story is continued.)

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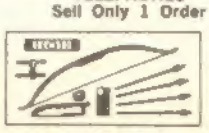

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PERMIT NO. 3105
SPRINGFIELD
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Business Reply Mail
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Please send me my first order of 12 All Occasion Greeting Card Boxes to sell.

Name .....
Print Clearly

Address ..... Apt. No. .....

City ..... State ..... Zip .....

Parent's Signature .....

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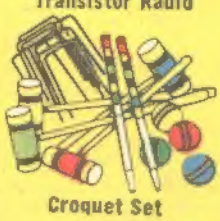
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